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1st Day 11mo 3d 1850 — Replenished my L H lamp with Oil 3 10/16 lbs — and remained in my fixed position in the Library — My reading chiefly in the Psalms — Bro: Wm and his son in Law Edw Wetherill spent the e.g. here — the latter chiefly in Thos. Room — He has been quite unwell for the last two months, and has lately returned from a short visit for his health at his fathers

2d. day 4th — Occupied with my C.S. House duties Edmund left us for Boston on business this afternoon — Our niece Anna Roberson called to take leave — She expecting to go to their new residence near Jamca Plain in a few days — he being interested in, and having the agency of the Cotton mill at Canton Started by A. Roberson & Sons before their failure

3. day 5th Busy at my desk as usual this the day My dear aged mother, and Sister Eliza here at tea — J.H. Barbett called to see me in the e.g. — He had the threatening of a white Swelling when he was 17 yrs old — which was averted by the application of a series of blisters in uninterrupted succession for about 10 Days — He gave us an acct. of his narrow escape of himself

and his Son Abner with their lives, but not without very serious injury, from which they have not yet fully recovered by the falling of the new and Extensive roofing over the wharf which was prepared for the Collins line of Steam Ships between Newyork & Liverpool, occasioned by the Steamer Pacific coming in contact with it as she was leaving about Six weeks since for Liverpool — Several were killed (one very near H & B) on the Spot, and or died soon after of their wounds, and many more or less injured — Frank dined at Gr Hussys & was there at tea, and thus missed his Grandmothers Visit

I made an experiment with a piece of quick lime suspended in the flame of the D H Lamp to see if the heat was sufficiently intense to raise the temp^r. of the lime to the point of incandescence, but I found it was not — the platina wire with which the lime was suspended became immediately red but the internal current of air prevented the concentration of the flame so as to produce incandescence

in the lime, — has that heat been attained an increase of brilliancy approximating to the Bude Light w.d have been expected — the Suggestion was made by my fr.d E.S. Ritchie of Boston — the lamp burned very bright by 5½ hours, when it was extinguished I judged from its burning that would have equalled the L.th Sp.m Oil Lamps — in the morn.g of left burning the light being at half double, from 5 5/60 to 6 35/60 — waste of oil in that period avg. .5722 gills p hour 4th day 11 m.o 6 — Engaged at my desk as usual — Edm.d returned this e.g. from Boston. Mother H. Sister & the Daughters most of the e.g. with me their mother read some of the Spectator and instructive papers. Wrote a allegories of Mr. Barbauld — Light very good av.d Consump.n .5657778 gills per hour — no inconven.t wasting of the light Since the new wicks were put in. 5th day 7th Engaged as usual at my desk with my leg as quiet as possible on the pillow by its side — hot fomentations continued but with slow though I think some improvement — Eze H.ssey's children were here at tea, and Sister Susan and Johnson were here at noon — and Ed.d drove the latter down to Peter Hai in the afternoon — The young folks spent the e.g. Chiefly in Thos.' Room — Gurney Jun.r came into the Library to take leave of me as he is about set off (tomorrow) for Newport

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to commence his voyage in the Audubon a ship owned by his father and my brother Wm. for California &c &c —

6th Day 8th Spent most of the forenoon in examining the L.H. Lamp, letting the Steamer replenishing it with Oil &c — I found that the Strainer had become nearly impervious to the Oil, which I think may have been occasioned by it being for a day or two exposed to the air — as no coating of gum had collected apparently though it was not I scraped to account for the fact — Having suspended my new Weather Thermometer on the 27th ult^o — I wrote to Thos. Ashley the father of the young lad who took, and was the means of destroying the other — and to day the lad came, manifesting a proper sense of his delinquency and paid the cost of the Instrument, and of another destroyed in consequence of his act — and I freely forgave him for the inconvenience &c. in other respects he had occasioned me, in the hope that the occurrence and the knowledge of the legal liabilities to which the act exposed him, will produce such a change in his Character as will ever after prevent his violating the rights of others in any respect —

Bro: Benj[n] called to see me, and made a slight experiment of his phrycological skill in which by the by I have very little faith — He being in attendance of lectures on the subject by a person now here.
Mary Gifford and Eliza Mitchell called to see my wife and favored me also with a call at my room —
7th day 9th. In the library with my leg pillowed as usual — Eliz.[a] Fisher who arrived yesterday for a visit to her Grandmother Irel.[on] called She is well and passed the 9.th.m.o. at Foxburgh in the interior of Penn.[a] A.G.S. was here in the a.m. — He found no encouragement in Boston to attempt to buy Cotton to run the mill — to stop seems the only alternative unless the help will submit to a reduction of wages of 25%
1.st day 10th. Spent the day in the Library as usual substituting reading in the Bible, Geo. Fox & T. F Baxter for my secular occupations — had calls from Sister Eliza & bro: Wm. and a conversation with Frances about his business at Springfield — It is not so encouraging as could be wished — and I am sorry to find him somewhat dissatisfied in other respects.
Sally Hammond was not at m.g. to day and therefore we failed of her company at Dinner — I fear she is unwell as the weather has been very fine

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2d day 11th Occupied busily with my Cyclopedia tables all day and most of the ev'g. Mother. Eliz. Fisher & Sister E. were here at tea, also Frank Gunnell incidentally he having spent the afternoon with Thos. and till pretty late in the ev'g — Mother & were in my room after tea till they returned home. I employed myself at my Calculations after they returned. Frank was here at tea & Eliz. Hussey was expected, but did not come

3d day 12 — Engaged with my Cyclopedia Jas. Arnold called which retarded my progress & made my letters too late for the mail. I made a word however to avail of the kindness of Jno Hoskin, who left to day for Cal.a — to get one of them into the mail in N. York — Sister Eliza & E Fisher called, the latter staid to tea. Our dear Ellen leaves us for a month or two to be with her Cousin E. Morgan at her sister Emily's

Lyceum Lectures begin this ev'g —

4th day 13th Engaged with my writing &c till the close of the mail — and looked over the papers till ev'g — had a call of leave taking from my nephew S. W. Rodman and his wife, they leave for Boston to spend the winter, tomorrow their little girls Anna & Emma leave earlier for the same purpose. wrote

till about 12 — after a couple of hours spent with my kind Cousin Nath.l Barney who arr.d this e.g. in town from a journey to Niagara &c with his family some of their relatives — and called to see me — we talked on many subjects, but I was obliged to differ from him on the duty of acquiescence in act. over at least in the supremacy of the late law of Congress for the restoration of fugitives slaves from the South.n States — I think his benevolent feelings disturbs the action of his reason as is unfortunately the case with too many of the good people of our free labor States — our dear Lee sat up to give me the needed assistance on retiring to bed —

5.th day 14.th Attended to my business cares and duties, and had a meeting of the Directors of the N.e mill Co.y this e.g. — Our children at a party at their Uncle Williams this e.g. — Mrs Chew & I made a perambulation to Sybil Robinson this afternoon —

6.th day Engaged as usual in my Office business in the Library had calls from Frank Grinnell & his family — Aunt Nancy & Eliz.th Sisters — Dr Bartlett here in the Eve.g & examined my knee — the inflamed very

& slight. if anything — shall try the Iodine tomorrow — Francis left us to return to Springfield this afternoon

7th day 16th busily occupied with my financial arrangements, or in writing to carry out those some time since agreed upon — Had a call from Jos. T. Adams formerly Coll. of this port — Edm. arrived this ev. from Boston. and reports that Frank left this afternoon for Springfield. — our daughter Ellen spent an hour visit at her Cousin Eleanor's — A.G. Snell called this ev.

1st day 17th read in the bible title Dr. Bartlett called to apply the gutta percha Splint to my lame leg — it was done successfully. and as the limb was comfortable after it I concluded to forego for the present the Iodine — Rufus Sherman made a long call between meetings, and Thos. A. Greene & bro. And. in this ev.

2d. day 18th Engaged in writing &c as usual — at tea we had mother Sister Eliza. & Father bro. And. & Eliz. Hussey and bro. Wm called in the ev. — I have post poned again the application of the Iodine. The Splint does well. heard by Telegraph at 1 P.M. from Phil. on the death of Jas. Stockhouse at 5 P.M.

3d. day 19th. Attended to my bank business &c. had a call from James Harper with reference to the funeral of Capt. Stockhouse late Convent. for any of the friends of his wife to attend and

I wrote to his niece's husband Geo. F. Staubach, at whose house he died accordingly — had a call from Cornelia Willis and E. Hussey in the afternoon and from Nathan Brightman with my 2d L.H. Lamp in the w.g. fitted Thos. Comfs. lamp Chimney, and spent the rem.r of the e.g. in writing my views of some alterations to the Chim. my regulator & Strainer from date of the 2d Experim.t L.H. Lamp —

4th. day 29 Made some Calculations of the weight of Whale Oil to use in my experiments Jn.a Hussey showed me an experiment with a new alcoholic blowpipe, the combustion of a portion of the fluid supplies the heat for volatilizing the portion connected with the jet pipe — I th.k it would be useful for many purposes — — Bro.r Benj.a called. He has been absent a week or more on a visit to his daughter &c at Jam.a plain & Boston — He is quite a Convert to the new Science or Humbug Psychology as promulgated by Dr. Williams, now or recently here e.g. on the Subject. Ma chere & walked to the Cemetery this afternoon. She is again troubled with inflamation of the eye which disqualifies her for reading &c —

5th. day 24th. Occupied at my desk as usual — Wm J. & Emily Rotch called early in the a.g

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and Spent most of it in Mr. Room
Edw. L. Bolles also called to see Thos
on the subject of Psychology — He being
a firm believer — and thinks it may
be made effectual in curing his dis-
eased knee — As Thos had other com-
pany he called at my room, and Spent
the eve with me conversing on this and
other subjects

6th day 22 — Gave attention to my busi-
ness — including my daily notes on the
Experiment of the results of the L.H. lamp
which I have been burning most of this
month — Nathan Brightman called
with the Sec: lamp — altered to suit
my recent ideas — it cont. an improvt.
on my plan of an eccentric circle to adjust
the chimney — by substituting a Spiral
which is much neater, and may probably
be found to answer the purpose equally
as well — the lamp has a pedestal & socket to fit
7th day 23 — Spent nearly the whole day in
fitting my new lamp for trial — the mis-
planing of the burners and the necessity
of altering and cutting some minor parts

made neces — and the trouble of adjusting these with incomplete tools took up the day, so that I did not get the Lamp fitted, weighed, compleated for the express till about 8 O'Clk. — Delia Tabor, called with her little girl — also A. G. Smith the latter with reference to the use of our Co's. Whf. foot of Main St. and the depositing of Ships lumber by J. & Z. Hillman to the inconvenience of the tenants of our houses — Wm. W. Swain called to see me — Bro. Wm. called in the afternoon 1st day 24th. Read in the Bible, & Geo. Fox's Journal, and finished the Memoirs of J. J. Gurney — Dr. Bartlett examined my leg — the Gutta Percha Splint has been on a week with apparently a very good effect — the pain and soreness has been almost wholly gone for several days — The leg is much shrunk in size — and I still abstain from all use of it in walking though I have used my crutches more for these two days than before — Our niece Eliz. Fisher called after dinner. — Bro. B & W. J. Rotch with his little boy called — to see Mrs. Thos. and Judge Prescott was here in the eve-

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Mrs Chase has been much troubled with pain in her eye the last 24 hours — so that she did not come below stairs all day — 2. day 25th Occupied at the desk nearly all day in writing a Com. to J. L. Hillman. had a call from the Rev. Moses Howe of the Seamen's Church and his son Moses, formerly a School fellow of our Francis — they also looked in upon Thos. who was known to the young man — had a call from N. Brightman to say that owing to a defect in the burners he sh. not be able to have the Lamps for my niece Sarah Wister ready to go by her sister Eliz. this afternoon — Jos. S. Fillingham called early in the day. who was disturbed by the brightness of the L. H. lamp — which he thought would injure our sight — the shade was therefore lowered so as to screen them — to give force to his admonition he stated that Wm. Eddy lost the sight by resting at a desk, with a window in the Roof which admitted an excess of light — I know the room referred to, and had previously understood that his eyes suffered from a deficiency of light and the consequent use of lamps — E. Fisher expects to reach And. Rob. soon on the touching of the Steamboat at New port — Bro. Benj. called — and informed me that all the Cotton mills except And. Robe-

sons at F. River were Stopped, in consequence of the Spinners refusing to submit to a reduction of wages — My wife Suffers somewhat less with her Eye —

3d. day 26th. Had a call from Isaac Bly and Isaac R. Gifford ea. on business — otherwise busy as usual with my Am. lamp experiments &c — My time no so entirely free from uneasiness as for the last few days

4th. day 27 Engaged with my lamp experiments — and in reading the papers most of the day. had a call from Henry Cannon respecting the Administratorship of J. A. Stockbridge's dec'd Estate — and Sally Hammond was here in the afternoon — In the ev'g. I tested a lamp to burn R.U. Oil in the Coldest Situation as for light in the Streets &c — Our daughters at W. J. Rotch's — and Edm'd at Petompskt

5th. day 28th. Thanksgiving generally observed to some extent by Suspended labor and religious observances in the States — I gave attention to my lamps — some slight alteration of the Valve pieces &c which I did get in Season for use — made out with temp'y Solder the tubes, the heat of Rod sent was to be altered in form and the brass Cap removed substituting a Screw Specially of the Copper instead — which is preferable as to form and for the removal of a less perfect Conductor of heat

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Wrote in the St. Mill Co books afternoon and eve — I have some pain in my knee the last few days.

6th day 29th — Spent much of the day in filling & fitting my lamp with the wire valve pieces & Rubber adv. to the Value — had a call from Phineas Peckham to pay his father James Peckham's note — in the settlt of which I abated 1/5 of the am't due in consideration of the old man's place of age & poverty — I do not know that I was right in doing this as — considering my own embarrassed circumstances — a visit from Hiram Sherman my fore tenants finished the forenoon — most of the afternoon used in fitting thermometer &c for testg. the speed of the heater rod in its new form, which was sent home at noon — The dull foggy weather prevented our having a visit from my dear aged mother — She was at br. Benj.n's to dine yesterday — A. & E. Hussey made Thos. a visit this afternoon, and the former stay'd to tea

7th day 30th Sister Sarah & Ch.s & Clara returned their thanks from A. G. & Penn.a and made us a call at dusk — they all seem very well — I made Thos a visit in the forenoon while my room (the library) was sweeping &c — His knee

changes but little in appearance — The same treatment, blisters & Iodine is continued he has no pain — but the prospect of restoration is very distant — his case has always appeared much worse than mine, and the improvt. of mine is hardly appreciable since a strict use of it reveals the impurity which seemed to have been cured I had pain yesterday & the two previous days but to day quite free — Mood. however the best possible — Eliz.h Wild and her little boy called and I saw her in Thos Roome her husband called later — they came up to see their Grandmother previous to her departure for fall River — renewed my invitation to the Coll.r to call see Mary and also asked B. T. Congdon — for this eve. or any other at their conv.ce — Nathan Brightman called with one of the Phil.a Lamps — The steamer fixture was not quite right though it may be easily made so — I hope therefore to send it to H. N. Hooper in a day or two for his exam.n — fitted my original stove lamp to use in the family, in the Dom.c capt.

1st day 12 mo 1 — Occupied in reading most of the day — the Bible Peace Periodical & Sailors' Magazine — Geo Hussey called

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at the Close of the 2d mg — and Mr Benj.
F. M. & Wife Child were here before —
2d day 2. Engaged with my business
nearly all day — Wm L. Russell called
in the a.g. to see the L. H. Lamp — He
was quite satisfied with it and promised
to call again — after the ten lamps with new wicks
3d day 3 — Spent some time as usual of late
with my lamps — trimg & oppr Calcul ns
their business duties — rec'd a visit from
C. M. Morgan and a work from B. T. Cozy
clon on the Veg & Anl Oils and Lamps
which I sat up to read till after 12 — My
own lamp was brilliant to the last and
apparently will have continued so till dawn &
I think it has more merit than any one
described in the treatise — Mr Martin
a Crayon Portrait Painter, of Edmunds
acquaintance was here at tea & I
did not see him, nor young Mr. Ste-
dman, who called with a Subscrip.
paper for his small sized edition of
his fathers work on Quadrupeds —
Our altered circumstances since his
father rec'd my subscrip.n for the small

dition of his Birds. would not permit
me to take the new work
4th Day Engaged all day with my
lamps — Experiments &c and in writ-
ing to Henry A Hooper to go with me
a model Sent to him for Exam.
5th Day 5th After the usual Care of my lamps I de-
voted my time to accounts — in the forenoon Chief-
ly with Heriam's who lives on the Kemp's St. Lots.
in the E.g we expected my dear mother but the
darkness of the w.g and dull State of the weather
discouraged her from coming out — Sister E. was here
with Benj.n Hudson and their daughter Elizth and
and our dear E Hussey were here at tea. the
latter staid all night on acct. of the weather &
Husb: Wm Called for her, but we detained her —
I spent the e.g in the parlor — altog. the L H. Lamp
burn in the Lib.y — till the failure of the Liq.n Stand
made its presence desirable in the parlor — as
it was not trimmed high — I shall leave it
burng in our bedg room when we retire —
6th Day 6th Engaged with my Accounts the pres-
sure of my financial liabilities is depressing
the lamp was burng brightly through with a
reduced flame when extinguished at 9 Oclk
this forenoon. it had burned 15 hours —
7th Day 7th Rested at my acct. with a good deal
of anxiety for the maturing promises consequent
on the unfortunate course of my business of late yea

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made Thos. a visit — his case continues like mine without any decided change — we hope there is a slow improvement to both

1st day 8th Spent the day Chiefly in reading in the bible & in Geo Fox' Journal — bro Wm called in the afternoon. Geo Hussey was in and Several of Thos friends — my bowels both last night were quite disordered to my

2d day 9th Devoted the day to my anxious business cares. had a call from the Rev. Orville Dewey who with his wife & Cousin S R Hood called on me there Eve. he preached yesterday and is to give a lecture before the Lyceum tomorrow

3d day 10 Occupied as usual at the desk all day had the company of my dear aged mother and sisters C, to tea — their last visit for some weeks or months as they are to go to Fall River to spend some time with Sister Lydia — She was very well and pleasant She made Thos a long visit in his room — her natural Energy & strength are Still Strong and particularly towards the invalids — it was a very pleasant day to us and to her

4th day 11th Closely occupied with reference to insurance of the St. Nicholas — ~~had Alf. Cook~~ (5th day 13) ~~here to aid me in the Answers to the Interrogatories~~ called in eve. at Thos. was at mothers where they were busy with their preparations for leaving home on Thurs. last as this is the return to Springfield

5th Day 12th Engaged by my business
cares, indeed pained by my financial
difficulties — Mother & Sister Eliza left
towards noon for Fall River — Bro. William &
I accompd them to Hicksville where they
found M. H Ruggles waiting for their arrival
to see them safely to his house — The roads
are good and for the season the weather is
favorable — had a call on business from A Willard
6th Day 13th Jos Tillinghast called at bk
last time about Insurance of the St. Mill — and
he informed me that he saw M H R yesterday at 2 —
who told him that Mother arrived safely &
without fatigue. Occupied all day as usual
and till 11 in the evg —
7th Day 14th Ans auctions and busy day
at the desk — Geo Hussey was here on finan-
cial matters & again in the evg — he has been
my main stay in my troubles arising from
the Steam Mill — In which he has partici-
ted from his liability beyond his personal interest
— The state of the Coy having always been such
that we could not come under the statute to limit
the responsibility to the individual interests in the
concern without destroying our credit as a compy
Br. Chl was here engaged in Thos Room with his
accounts — & Eliza Brigham called

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1st Day 15th — Inserted new wicks in the H. Lamps without removing it from its seat a piece of small wire, broken so as to be rough at the end pressing upon the light put them down with great care & facility — Read in the bible, the S.S. Journal and [illegible] Fox. bro. Wm was here and many of Thos. friends were with him in the course of the day and eve — and I fear his time was not passed so profitably as it might have been

2d day Engaged with my writing &c as usual had a call in the afternoon from Deacon Barker and the Rev. Mr. Craig successor to Mr. Pontius — Mr. Cheever H. had the conversation with the former and was pleased with him — I conversed chiefly with the old deacon — he told me that he had a brother who cut his knee slightly and not being properly attended to in season took a most serious form, making amputation necessary — and this did not effect a cure and he died not long after —

3d day 17 — Occupied with my accounts all day and till late in the eve Rev. Mr. Horton called towards eve and I saw him — the first time since his severe affliction — he seems to bear it with christian resignation, and calmly to fulfil his duties —

4th 18th Engaged with my accounts nearly all the day and eve — Nathan Winslow called on me just after dinner I have not seen much of him since my fathers decease — Sybil Roberts and her son Rob. were here at tea — I have had

much more pain in my knee this afternoon and eg. than for several weeks, though I have been unremitting in my care to keep it up and avoid using it — This is very discouraging — had a call from D. Bartlett but I did not mention it. —

4th day 19th I have been employed most of the day in making a description of my lamp — a good deal of pain in my knee to day — took off the Gutta Percha Splint and applied a plaster of tartar & Ant & and Stramonium — after washing the limb with warm water — A. Brighton came bo't home the Light House, as it is to be altered for further trial —

5th day 20 Took the completed L H Lamp into use — transferring the Oil from the other — devoted the day to my business writing — Dr Bartlett called and saw my knee the Salve has yet had very little effect — rec'd from A. Patten Esq. Boston pamphlet containing the Speeches at the great union Mtg. in Faneuil Hall which I read, though I had been full reports of them in the newspapers — They are unanswerable in their reasoning and I hope will read & pondered throughout New England

6th day 21st A Roberson called this forenoon Mr. A. sent eg. from Phil. via

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Fall River — He saw mother at M. & Ruggles yesterday, and reports her well and very comfortably accommodated — Read the Boston S.N. Advertiser in the afternoon & Evg. including the able report of the Sec.y of the Treasury. Packed my Lamp preparatory for sending to E.S. Nephew J.P. Fisher — to send it to E.S. Ritchie's to be examined and tried before it is sent, together with its materials for examination to H. N. Hooper Lamp man &c. for same purpose — Sister Sarah called — Bro: Ch. was here in the afternoon forwarding his business Corr.s with his temporary Clerk in Phil.a room — who had Charge of his books till disabled by his knee —

1st Day 22d. My reading to day has been the Bible and Geo.e Fox's Journal Bro: Wm. made us a Call in the afternoon and some others of our friends were in — The weather and the State of the Fam.y caused a small representation at Church — Geo. Hussey was at at the Close of Friends M.g.

2d. day — My leisure to day has been spent in reading in Pamphlet form the able Speeches

at the Union Mg. in Faneuil Hall and Professor Stuart's pamphlet on Webster's Speech in the Senate at the last Session which has drawn so much Censure from Abolitionists & Free Soilers — the pamphlet is a complete Vindication and a severe rebuke upon the Slavery agitators of this Section — had a Call from a Gentleman from Missouri who is endeavg. to raise funds for a Female School in that State — Also had a Call from W. Dennis & the Late Pres.t of the Oberlin Institute — whose mission is to raise funds for a liberal College at Cleveland Ohio — They take Views opposed to Stuart, and Said the pamphlet had been ably answered by many hands — Judge Jay among others — I sh. like to see the best of the replies —

3.d day 24 — Finished Stuart and attended to my concerns of the day — had a Call from Andw Robeson — on money matters — and in the evg. one from William Philips for whom I sent to learn the acc.t of the Case of the Swelling on his knee which troubled him from 9.br 49 to 10.th mo. 50 — but without confining him at all to the house, It was done enlarged by the Synovial effusion there either Chas. or mine & was opened three diff.t times before the final

Cure was effected — he consulted Sweet & Dr. Fleming and finally Dr. Newell of Boston He left Dr Sherwoods work the productive powers and Chronic diseases — and new theory and treatment for the latter — he spent the whole evg. with me & Thos. the latter as well as myself being much interested with his experience — Frs. arrived this evg fr. Spring fd. 4th day 25th. Spent my leisure in reading Dr Sherwoods' book. which abounds in alleged facts of almost miraculous cures — But they are too startling to be so little known. it appears to me if true. Sister E. & Fr from Fall Rs 5th day 26th — after dispatching my daily duties & sipping an egg nog with Dr Sherwood I devoted the day to Sherwoods pamphlet sister Esther & Fr from Fall River to spend a few days with us. She reported mother in very good health, and comfortable in her surroundings — The irritating Ointment has produced considerable soreness on the surface — some pain in joints. Sister Sarah Called — Mary Russell was here in the evg — which left the family in the Parlor — I therefore pursued my study of Sherwoods book, which comprises much to interest — notwithstanding the doubts which flout around the production. There is a good deal of ingenuity, and the theory which he endeavors to establish. by

his cases. and the Clairvoyant's corroboration. if true would have been known for a year — by the 16 Editions of the work which are stated to have been given to the Public —

6th. day 27 — Finished Sherwood's book and looked over the Papers which I have for several days neglected — Dr. Bartlett called — he having been yesterday to Boston — Dr. Hayward seemed to approve his treatment in both of our Cases — he continues to take a favorable view of these, hideous Complaints — Sister Elvira at Ch. to tea also our Ellen

7th. day 28th Occupied with my business with great assiduity till the Close of the Mail — and more leisurely afterward till very late in the Eve.

Mr Snow from Taunton called and spent the Eve. with my wife &c. little Mary P. Brooks died this

1st. day 29 — read in the Bible & Geo. Fox's Journal — Bro. Wm was here — and in the Eve. Mr Snow to tea &c — he spent the time partly in Thos Room & partly with me — very agreeably to us — he has but little respect for the Med.c Faculty, and advocates Changing our treatment.

2d. day 30th closely occupied with my concerns and in making arrangements for

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my impending payments

3d. day 31st. Engaged as usual in my sedentary position wrote till very late in the evg. till past the noon of night. a thos our Frank who was closing the year with his lady love. greeted me with the New Year Salutation Thus has passed another year of toil anxiety in poverty — The continuance of the downward tendency of my pecuniary affairs casting a deep shade, in addition to the physical infirmity of my son & myself over the months & weeks and days as they rolled — which has well nigh extinguished the bright and beaming aspect which life and its surroundings should wear — It seems thos adversity is my, and through me the portion of my family of late years — each becoming darker & more hopeless — till hope of better times, and an opp.y for the genial play of the mind and the affections, unclogged and undepressed by the sad realities of pecuni. embarrassment, and the ominous shadows of the unknown future, has almost departed — I have endeavored to do what, can & all thos was in my power, to attain the position of security and quietude from an alarming

State of indebtedness — but all in vain, as yet appears — disappointments on every hand have been met with — the means on which I looked at a distance with confidence have vanished ere they came within my grasp — when the importance of the expected relief was daily becoming greater — so that now with a mountain of debts, the means for their discharge, seem more than ever uncertain and precarious — But if it is the will of Providence that this allotment of adversity Sh. be continued let us not our faith faulter as to its being in kindness sent, and apply ourselves to the hidden Source of Wisdom that we may not miss the good which it is permitted to induce — That if outward riches must give place to Poverty, we may witness a growth in the mental & Spiritual attainments which look beyond this Span of time & Sense, and may fit us for an unfriendly richer inheritance in the higher glories of the Eternal world — Mrs Chas H. and Susan went to the funeral of little Mary this afternoon — We felt this as a personal affliction — She was a beautiful and lovely child in addition to the tender associations which cluster around the name of

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of our dear departed daughter, given her by her mother as a tribute to her memory and to their sisterly friendship between them & which was so prematurely suspended 4th day 1st mo 1. 1851 — This day of hope & good wishes gives pleasg. employments and anticipations to many, but to me it brings little of change. the same anxious cares, still pressing, and the same sad forebodings of the future as characterised the advent of 1850, while physical infirmity is now superadded — No interchange of Calls than for two years past — Bro. Benj. & Chr. were in — The condition of our family did not make it desirable to admit even the few that came to the door — My wife had an interesting one however from Mr. Dermont, the German Teacher 3d day 2 — Our Sister Eliza returned to Fall River in the Carriage to day — and our daughters availed of an invitation from their Uncle Wm. to join him and Edw. Ellen in a Sleigh ride to the same place to see their Grandmother &c — They had a pleasant though rather cold ride and enjoyed their visit — all being well and happy at Friends

6th. day 3 Engaged with my business or in reading the papers which I could not take up in course

Dan'. Davis Spent the e.g. with me & Thos. his call being to the latter with whom he formed a pleasant acquaintance from the business intercourse of their respective employers. He was emphatic in his commendation of my lamps. which he had not seen before, he thought the light Superior to any thing he had seen - after his return from Thos Room I detained him a little to forward a letter to M. Coale for the Post Office

7th. day 4th. very busy in the morng in making my financial arrangements for the day - afterward attended to my lamps &c - & had a pleas. call from Edwd. Brown of Phila. and read the 5th. Book by Advertiser - in the e.g. on my accounts.

1st day 5th read in the Bible and Geo. Fox. Journal - had a call from bro. Wm. in the afternoon. Edwd. Mottley at the same time visiting in Thos Room - after tea Edistia Thornton called and spent the e.g.

2d. day 6th busily engaged most of the day in booking my letter Copies &c - e.g. at the St. mill Coy Anne - which will now tax me for some time quite closely - detained by them an hour later than I liked on my dear wife's acct. who was not well & felt remain alone in my infirm Condition - I removed the Splint yesterday from my leg to bathe it - the external Soreness occasioned by the irritating plaster

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is lessening — the general appearance of things is not much changed — not much pain of late, though a little more this eve than usual Benj.ⁿ was here, and W. G & Pope — the former took Ellen home with him in his sleigh and brother back in the Evg. — O Wish with Thos. on their accounts — Edmund confined at home with a Cold. and Sister is not well

3d. day 7th. Engaged with the St.ˢ mill Coy accts — had a business interview with Asian Shearmen

4th. day 8th. Exceedingly busy with St.ˢ mill Coy accounts — had a call on business from Amos C. Baker

5th. day 9th. Occupied as usual — Wm. Phillips called in the afternoon with Dr. Arnold of Boston who had prescribed successfully for his inferior knee — He seems like a modest & discreet young Physicician — he examined mine & Thos.ˢ — he thought both would get well if no positively bad treatment should prevent — he was not asked to prescribe but s. expected to be here in a month again when if his advice was desired he would call — — There was nothing in his manner to create distrust, or to inspire special confidence — He has obtained a reputation here which leads him to visit this place monthly

6th Day 10th. Attendously engaged with my accounts the annual bills are now coming in which give me some uneasiness — D. Bartletts' is exorbitant. with respect to the benefit of his Skill and disappoints both Thos & myself — Had a visit from Edmund Gardner who staid till a part 10 with Thos & me — He was a young man of great activity & energy till he was very Seriously injured by a Whale when in command of the Ship Winslow since which he has commanded with Success and Credit on Several Voyages

7th Day 11th busy as usual — had a call from D. Bartlett — and conversed frankly about his attendance & bill — and requested him to discontinue his Spontaneous Visits

1st day 12th Spent the day chiefly in reading in the bible and Geo. Fox's Journal — had Sally Hammond at Dinner and Thos & Greene called in the ev'g —

2d day 13th — Occupied with my accounts and Cares — bro: B. was in — like myself troubled for means to meet his engagements — in which I am unfortunately unable to aid him. though bound to do so on the Score of borrowed money, my own disappointment at Bank to day putting it out of my Power — He was here again in the ev'g with Mr. Saddler. whom he put in pay

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cological State — making Subjects not to his own but to Benj.n Volitions, he tried his Magnetizing Power on Thos.t & myself — on the former T. Thos.t with some effect — This is the first exhibition of the kind that I have seen, and the effect is quite inexplicable with my present knowledge

3.d day 14th At work on the St.n mill Co.s affairs — The Misses Chandler Price are to day full — W.m own half — and the Oil was sold this forenoon at 60x N.Y.C.E. Pope Agent

4th day 15th Failed again in my application at the Mechanics bank to my great inconvenience, and alarm — had a call from bro.r Wm. in the eve on the subject — Instead of brightening the prospect becomes more & more gloomy

5th day 16th — Obtained on account at the B.C.B which enabled me to pay some of my most pressing demands — busy with my writing as usual till a late hour. The lamp was thoroughly cleaned yesterday as noted in mem.o of Exp.s and extremely well

6th day 17th Occupied with my accots &c as usual all day & eve. — Lamp very bright

7th day Occupied as usual till late in the eve — my leg or knee having pain

had some pain this two days — I bathed it at the close of the ev. and took off the Gutta percha Splint — which I took leave of tonight — sent to Wm. T. Russell a copy of my experiments to the 15th Inst
1st day 19th Spent the day in ready in the bible & Ev. Fox Journal — except when occupied by Company — as my nephew And. Roberson and his father — Jos. Harper Chs. Grimsley — brothers Benj. & Chs. and Sister Sarah — me chose to rather unwell with a nervous head ache — Judge Prescott called in the ev. to see Thos.
2d. day 20 — Occupied as usual with my numerous & pressing cases — had more pain in my knee — Still without the Splint
3d. day 21 — had a good night & comfortable day cheered by the hope that my knee is improving — wrote till a late hour for St Louis Co
4th. 22d. Occupied with my Guaranty Collections & etc to settle with the 1st set of friends. through Ex. Roberson Then organ — and to adjust the Inst. Chge (Special) for entry to D. the St Louis Mill Co — have had more pain to day — applied arnica and took Sarsaparilla twice. Ed has a a bad cold

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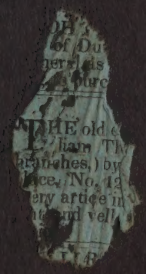
Occupied at my desk as usual in the forenoon. Benj.a Called with Mr. Evans of the Public Schools, who is of the Physiological Class — he made the passes for ½ an hour over my knee but I think with no effect unless it were a little in case of the pain, from his touching the part in the operation, though he gently — He is said to have had better success with Thos. who is probably a better subject — The L.H. lamp leaked this a.m. so as to make it necessary to empty it and retrimming which taked my dear Lee to aid me near an hour — rachel D. having retired previously on acct. of a bad cold — 6th day 24th Our Frank arrived this forenoon from Springfield. I was a good deal occupied with the lamps, giving directions for mending the leaky one and having the oil which flowed from the cans by expansion of the thick oil put behind the stove to clarify it by settling — repairing the repaired lamp now also first fitted with a cover — Lee writing busily afternoon & a.m. — the lamp leaking yet has to be emptied after my dear Lee returned



from a party of young folks at Leander Blenneman's. Lamp leaks yet. emptied the res[r] of the day 25th Engaged busily as usual — had a call & conversation with N. Brightman relative to Dr. Sherwood's book & practice find that he had tried the remedies included the galvanic battery with benefit — he returned my L H lamp but it leaks yet — Frank went to Fall River with his Cousin Rodman this afternoon — apply Arnica to my knee with temp[y]. benefit at bed M[rs] Eldridge H. has a bad cold & Edw[d] yet detained at home with his

Wednesday 26th — Bro. Ed[d] ar[d] this m[g] from N. York to make us a visit — I read in the Bible and a part of the Lectures on the Philosophy of Electrical Psychology by John Bovee Dods — which presents new views on the most interesting and Sublime subjects which fixes the attention deeply — N. B. Brightman bro[t] his battery this m[g] — and tried it on my knee — it is a very compact little affair, and I have considerable faith that it will be useful — bro[s] Wm Chr. & W[m] were here — and Gilbert Russell and Jn[o] Hussey made me a call after they had spent the e[g] with Thomas — I showed the former my light and explained the lamp — and sent a message by him to his father to come and see it. Francis returned from Ft Rem and reported all pretty well except his [illegible] a little la[me] with rheum

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2d day 27 Busily occupied with reference to the approaching Ant. Mtg. had however to break off to arrange the Papers wch had accumulated so as to be no longer Supportable without our arrangt. but by great loss of time, in the Paper Cases wch I had brot from the Star — tried again the battery & Arnica with apparent temp. benefit — though it took some time to Start it — tried alcohol in the dripg cup to heat the burner before lighting; but used too much. so as to alarm me lest the Solder of the tube melted — I think however the plan may succeed and thus make R.W.Bit available for St Lamps me chere th. has rather an increase of her cold

I sat up till Frank aided me to bed 12½ Oc

3d day 28th Our Francis left us this morning for Spring. which made a longer day than usual, devoted myself to the Rotet Wht accts — tried the battery again for heating the lamps with promising success

4th 29th at work again on the Wht books & accounts and completed them as far as I had the data for the approaching Ant. Mtg. R.R. & C.D. Burt called 5th day 30 — Brd. Wm Call in relation to the Wht business. Jno Howland called in the afternoon to see bro. Edm. A Peterson called Ad. & the same object. but he was out — Wm T. Russell was here in the eg. to see the lights. but the wicks having been exposed three times while the lamps was sent to be mended. it did not do justice to the improvement (he promises)

to call again before his proposed Visit to Washington — Edm.d Still at home with his colic. which he thinks is better

6.th day 31 This has been the Coldest day of the winter thus far. so much so that we could not keep the Thermometer in this room (Library) much above 60 — and as my position is necessarily Stationary, at the desk I had the aid of additional clothing to be comfortable — The other Rooms being Warmer I have have been mostly alone which has been favorable for my abstract Calculations and employments — having lost the Valve piece of my lamp to have a drop of Solder — and it not being returned I had to use my original tin Cg Room lamp. wch required replenishing before the oil was spent, though under favorable circumstances no lamp will exceed, if equal it in brilliancy — Rodney French called in reference to the bridge

7.th day 2Dm:1 — Engaged with reference to the annl Mtg. of the Mill — & the Notch Wharf Coy. — I lost the afternoon as to these employments by a Visit from Samuel Bliss, for whom I had sent to learn what was his infirmity wch was benefitted by the advice of Dr. Newell — It proved that his complaint was a Varicose vein — totally dissimilar to Thos. or my infirmity, so that the interview added nothing to

to the previous ann.ᵗ. in Lead.ᵍ. meta with his advice By the best care of the little remᵍ time I was enabled to complete my preparation for the Retet. whf Mᵍ. Which was held at 7 Oclk and the business satisfactorily accomplished — the Mᵍ. was over about 8 — when N.G. Snell and John Bryant Came and Read the Resᵗ. of the Coᵍ. in relation to a Class of Accounts on which we differ in opinion as to their validity under the Contract between Snell & the Cᵍ. for manᵍ. the mill by the Yard — we maintained our respective opinions — which were adhered to with no small violation of decorum as I must think by my opponent — It was a trying occasion. and adds to our previous troubles — the bitter elements of jealousy & Suspicion when there is no foundation for them but in the most flagrant misapprehension against plenary evidence of the best efforts with the best intentions —

1ˢᵗ. Day — 2ᵈ. Imperative necessity. Compelled me to devote the day & Coᵍ. to the Steam Mill Coᵍ. Annᵗˢ. — if any readiness was attained in my State. of the Annᵗˢ for the Annᵗ & Mᵍ. of the Steam Mill Coᵍ. tomorrow — It was very painful on many consideration to be obliged thus to forego the more appropriate

and interesting duties & enjoyments of the day
2d. day 3d - Spent my business & preparation for the meeting at 11 O'Clk. and was so far prepared as to exhibit a correct general view. but without the details w.h I desired to be able to exhibit - The unpleasant State of the Concern was shown, as on former occasions - and the point discussed the previous ev.g was considered - and ultimately I believe with the effect of removing the false impression which Mr. S. had entertained of some of his Colleagues - busily engaged the afternoon and ev.g -
3d. day 4th assiduously occupied with reference to the business of the late annual Meeting & Wm. Robertson the Chief Justice Russell a called in the ev.g - I pressed both into my Service to get Sundry letters &c to their destination, had some talk with & the former relative to misrepresentations of my views by David Ruggles a Colored man who formerly lived at his house - founded on a conversation which I had with him disapproving of further agitation of the Slavery question
4th. day 5th assiduously engaged as heretofore to the omission of even a glance at the daily news for about a week had a Call, from Gov. Richmond as I have several times before related to the obstruction of

the navigation of the river & of the bridge by that Steamer, and signed the petition to the State Legislature for removing the same so far as this can be done by widening the draw to be full and sufficient the water to its natural depth — had a Call from Dr Bartlett to inform us that Dr Mason Warren of Boston was to be here on 6th day to perform a Surgical operation, and to find whether we should like to consult him on our infirm knees. — Bro: Benj: was in, as he has been before several times this week. burnt the L.H. lamp all night

5th day 6th — Engaged as of late in endeavoring to get about again of my business had a visit in the a.p. from our Cousin J. Arnold about my indebtedness to my Uncle Wm's heirs — and proposing Security on the rent of the Belle Vue Estate with the assent of the joint heirs of my father who are the mortgagees of the same — He seemed quite pleasant & friendly — had a Call from Bro: Chs and requested (in a note) that he w: see D. Bartlett and tell him thys we sh: like to see Dr M. Warren. The L.H. Lamp burned all night & brightly, tell my — one wick was out, before extinguished after burning 14½ hours, without re-trimming. 6th Day of the Engaged at my business till noon soon after which I went to Thomaston room

that we might receive in concert the Visit of
of the Doctors — they came soon after 12 - and
examined the discard joints - and spoke en-
couragingly of both — approving of the Course
pursued as to guiding tube — His views seem
very consonant with those of D. Hayward
as we learned from him and the subsequent call
of D. Bartlett to report after their Consultation.
— He is to write to D. B. about my Case when he shall
have reflected more on the Subjects — After
noon busy as usual at the desk — Chs. Rurdle
was here - and I had some talk about Aboli-
tion Agitation, He is very ultra in his principles -
— His call was to Thomas - with whom he had
some business — Brother Benj. was here at
the interview with the Dr — as was Rodman
Morgan — Lydia Greene called as we were there
& and told her that Thos. & herself had concluded
to attend the Spring Street Friends' meeting
in the afternoon & Called afterwards to see our friend
Elvira Smith, whose beautiful little daughter
has gone to join her namesake, our dear daugh-
ter in Heaven — — B. Rodman stated that
he had seen Ingalls - and the prospect appeared
favorable for getting the bridge draw im-
proved so as to suit the interest of the whole
owners above without the application to the
Legislature — The petition will however
be freely and industriously circulated to be
prepared — against the prevalence of adverse councils.

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4th day 8th Strenuously engaged all day at the desk — from 12 till 10 P.M. in making a Sheet Ledger from the St. mill books to detect the error which was shown by the bal.a Sheet of the Ledger. had a call from Mr. Phipps who reports more Scholars than he has ever had before at the Academy — Bro.s Chl. & Benj.n were in — they report favorably of the prospect for the comparative restoration of the free navigation of the river N.o of the bridge, by the widening the Draw to admit of the free passage of Steamboats, and by taking up the Stones which have been placed in the Channel so that loaded Ships may pass without fear of injury

1st day 9th Spent the day in reading the bible & the Journal of Geo. Fox. the latter with great interest — an example of Christian fidelity so uncommon, as well as of wisdom and prudence to save, under the implicit guidance of the highest duty. a Studious obedience in all things to the will of God as revealed by the Light of Christ in the heart — is worthy at this distant day of the profound consideration of the Society which he so remarkably founded — and which spread through the Anglo

Saxon race with can only be explained by the apostolic Vitality which then was developed under his inspired ministrations so extensively among the nation

2d. day 10th. resumed my Clerkship duties which have so unremitting for the last few weeks — The Special Meeting of the N.B.S. Co. was held this forenoon in my room — A.G. Small & myself constituted the Mtg — and its formal business was soon concluded — Can go. nee to my labors to overtake my Current business —

3d. day 11th. Engaged as usual. had some callers on business, and in the afternoon from Dr Bartlett with the expected letter from Dr. J. Mason Warren — giving his views for the treatment of my knee — viz bathing twice a day with hot Soap Suds (bar soap) and apply a Compress of Muriate of Iron & Colchicum twice a Day & general bath once or twice a week together with the use of the flesh brush Medicine — Concluded to begin the Course tomorrow —

4th. day 12th busy as usual giving daily attention to my lamp experiments and

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suggesting occasional improvements to
N. Bridgeman, the ingenious artisan who
puts my plans into shape for testing
their value — Had a visit from Sister Sarah
who found that her lamp will not burn
as it ought for — Requested her to send it to
me for exam^n — Tried the soap suds bath
to my lame knee, which appears to have an agree-
able effect —
5th. day 13th Tried the S.S. bath again — had a call
from Rodney Friend who suggested the propriety
of another petition to the Legislature touching the
impediment to Navigation & the prosperity of
the N. part of the river & town by the Bridge —
made a draught of a mem^l and sent it to him
by my brother Benj^a — He reports his sister in law
Eliza Dunker alarmingly ill — Examined Sister Sa-
rah's lamp and found its failure owing to bad wicking
worse put in — had a little alteration made in
the wick shield &c. refitted it and sent it home
— with written explanation & instructions
6th. day 14th — Exceeding busy with my
numerous engagements — till late in the eve^g
as usual
7th. 15th Rose early to write out a plan for sub-
stituting a Ferry and horse boat ferry for the
South part of the bridge West of Fifth St.
— Driving all day to bring up the arrears

of my many engagements — Dr. B. was here I told him I demonstrated the efficacy of Dr. Warren's prescriptions — especially the muriate of iron which had applied but once — Mutton the local bath to day — but intend to take a general bath this week day 16th Occupied in writing a few lines to Francis, and in reading the Bible and the Jl. of Law Fox — most of the day & ev — all of my brothers were here to day and — I let the 2H lamp burn all night & all day 25 hours, without trimming viz: from 5h. 2c last ev. to 6 h. 23 m. this ev & when, without extinguishing, the cotton were removed and the wicks raised to restore it to its original Splendor — I called some of Phs O' friends to see it about 5 O'Clk. viz Chs Randall, Mr. Baker & Leander Plummer —

2d. day 17th Devoted the day chiefly to making a copy my late lamp Experiments to send to Wm. T. Russell now in Washington, the 4th report to him — Expected he would have called on me again before he left town — This ev. I conclude my Experiments with the 2H. lamp and the residue of the Oil boil back from the 2H. Lamp, having accumulated enough in the space of 3 months for my own satisfaction and for reference

3d. day 18th Continue my report, and made Sunday calculations for Comparison of the probable efficiency of the new & the common Lt. lamps by the relative quantities of Oil consumed in each — Enclosed my accompg. letter to J. Plummer the 5th Auditor of the Treasy. for

whose exam^n. ultimately the report of the Experiments have been made — the accounts from Weir Drinker yet discouraging — Though D. Bartlett — and others took a more favorable view of it.
— The strong impression that the will not recover and the apparent worst that it may be so is one of the worst indications — Contin^d. my work & Calculations with reference to the adjustment of my claim on the Coll. for the equivalent of the Value of the W.P^t. Oil saved by the R.W. Oil Instituted by me — See record of my Experiments &c in Mem^o Bk. No. 10 pgs. 80 to 83 inclusive
Richard Lawrence came to me by my request to get some facts as to quan^y. of Oil consumed at Var^s L.H. in my Lamps —
4^th. day 19^th. Spent a considerable part of this day in looking over the papers for the 3 last weeks during which time my engagements have been so pressing that I have forborne to look into them — George Hart was here in the W.P^t. to settle on acc^t. He is a man whom I much respect for his upright character good sense and modest manners —
5^th. day Finished my Examination of the papers and went about bringing up my entries for E. Drinker in the Ledger by Wm. Berry who was here to day — almost dark hope — Her brain seems the seat of the disease and she feels no apparent wish to recover.
6^th. day 21 Busied with my books and accounts to bring up the arrears — consequent upon my late pressing occupations
7^th. May 22 — Prepared a letter of introduction

to J. Winslow for Geo F. Hussey by his request to
avail of it need be in the marriage loan
which he expects shortly to make in some
parts of Europe — and bro't up the arrears of
my Account — Jn°. Macomber & Dr. Bartlett
made friendly calls — My knee does not seem
to improve much if at all — The pain is occa-
sional but not so frequent as some time
since
1st. day 23d — Read in the bible & Geo Fox's Journal
and wrote an admonitory letter to our Son Thomas
who I fear is not so thoughtful as he should be
of Religious motives and the formation of a chris-
tian character — Our Edmund went to Boston
last day expecting to go to Springfield to see Fan
yesterday and spend this day — Rodman Mor-
gan went to join him yesterday in Boston and bear
him company but the critical sit. of his aunt Dun-
ker detains him — Brother Wm. And. Benj. & Chas
were here towards eve. — they report ours favorably
of E Dunker
2d. day 24th Busy again in making abstracts of
the prominent acts illustrative of the nature
of our business last year, for the examn of W. G. Rotch
& others
3d. 25th Mostly Engaged in writing to San Francisco
about the Winslows business, the consignees hav-
ing failed
4th. day 26 Devoted the day to my St. mill ab-
stracts — Sister Eliza Ann & about noon to spend
a few days with us — Bro's Wm & Andw were
here this eve. — as was also Benj. to tea — the former
called by appointment to meet Rich Macomber

relative to the Case to him of the St. Paul & Minneapolis Railroad Co. vs. Water St. for a Mech.s Board. The latter Case at 8 O'Clk — and most of the day was spent on this business — he offered him the appointments for $200 a year — he pays Exp.s of Ch.g passing & Glass.s — he is to give bro. H. his decision to-morrow — rec.d a complimentary Vote of the St. Joe 5th day 27th — finished my abstract relating to the St.ns Mill — and wrote a letter to W. R. Roberts to account them. Jos. Arnold called respecting the Security in the vents of the Belle Vue House for the notes held by my late uncles heirs — Sybil Roberson was here to tea — Sue at Geo Hussey's & Stays the night —

6th day 28th Employed All in making a written explanation of the reason which until Last of my power to pay the large am.t due S. A. Howland & Abby Roberson for money borrowed for the St. Mill Cotton Manf. concern. in the hope that her acquaintance with those ladies may be available towards procuring an Extension — afternoon looked over the American Newspapers &c — Sister E. called on S. A. H. but she got no positive encouragement. She deferring entirely to the judgment of her Agent T. Allen

Dr. Bartlett called to see our Hogs as he wanted to buy some — 7th day 30th — Occupied in the forenoon in putting my Press Letter copies into the book — Our Bro. unexpectedly arrived for a short visit from Springfield Sister E. discouraged from going back to Fall

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River by the bad State of the roads — bro^rs Ch.^s & Benj^n were here in the eve^g — I had a Case from Nathan P. Brightman with the Lamp burn^r & Extinq^r. apparatus and I devoted some time to preparing for its trial. AB called again in the ev^g — we found some practical difficulties, which we attempted to overcome but without satisfactory success —

1^st. day 2^d. put my new formed burner into the lamp and spent the day in read^g. in the bible and George Fox's Journal — also looked over the 2 last Porter papers, which I had not time to do before — bro^rs Wm. Ch.^s & Benj^n were in, E. Drinker reported us not quite so favorably as this day week — Sister E. R. with us all day except going to C. M. Morgans to tea —

2^d. day 3^d. — Sister Eliza left us this forenoon to return to Fall River — I occupied in writing &c had an interview with D. R. Pierce, of whose agency I availed to possess myself of the legal means of regaining possession of the upper tenement of my house on Schl. Street, & which I unwittingly leased it 3 mos. since to to a very profligate man, viz^d my Extinguishers from N. P. Brightman, not made quite as I directed but it proves the correctness of my views, and works well extinguishing instantaneously the wicks, even if in a somewhat coated State — Wm & children were

at Gen Howland Jun^r. this ev^g at a bridal party for his bro^r. Robert & wife — and had a very pleasant visit

3^d. day 4^th. Spent some time in exam^g. & repitting my new lamp burner the oil finding its way over this much more than the narrow & sharp rimmed tops — which suggests another alteration which I have taken measures to test — Had a call from Rodney French in relation to the measures to remedy the obstruction in some degree, to the navigation of the river N^o. of Fish Island — Willard Sears also called on a visit of friendship and to bring A. J. Davis' book on Revelation & Clairvoyance which he kindly thought might interest Tho^s. & me in our confinement

4^th. day 5^th. Engaged with my private and Books &c — in the afternoon had a call from Cousin Eliza Barney — who gave me an acc^t. of his sister Lydia's illness and death & informed me as to the other branches of her family — her grand daughter Maria has married a Methodist Minister who is now settled at Fairhaven — Boy. at the last accounts in Baltimore with his panorama of a whaling Voyage, his success not so flattering as he anticipated

a good deal troubled about my pecuniary affairs —

5th day 6th — Rec'd a letter from Gov. Mandell in answer to my application relative to the large notes now nearly due — which is not so favorable as I had hoped. — Endorsed it to my bro. Wm. on whose aid I must rely in this crisis of my affairs — read the Speeches of Jno. Smith & Seward on the French claims prior to 1800 — had a talk and talk with Hiram Sherman about our farm & his Business — no visit from bro. Wm. as I requested

6th day 7th. Partially employed on H Sherman's farming accounts — and in some little manual jobs — bro. Wm. was here in the a.m. and very kindly disposed to aid me in my pecuniary difficulties as I desired — Bro. Andr. was also here — he came from Fall River and brot. a good account of Mother & the others with a letter from Sister E.

1st day 8th Busy in my usual manner at the desk

2nd day 9th Read the finishing portion of the Fox Journal — his course throughout was elevated sublime, & in perfect accordance with the grand idea of a Divine Mission which seemed always present with him — bro. Wm. & Benj. & Chr. called

2d. day 10th Gen. Richmond was here in the

lation to the pending petition for widening the Midway drawn — wrote a note to Jos. Grinnell request[ing] an interview on the subject. he called again in the Ev[e]g. J.G. excused himself from any active part in the matter

3d day 11th Engaged as usual in my quiescent position had a Call from Rodney Thurston who wished me to see if my br. Wm would say to the Com[mi]t that the draw shd. be 60 feet — wrote to him on the subject at ev[e]g. when G. Richmond called again

4th day 12th had a Call from my bro. Wm and Gyo Harvey — on other business Soon did them — in regard to the width of the draw. — they were unfavorable to 60 ft and thought that not a that width it w[ou]d be hardly safe to tow ships through by Steam — I was busy all day about my lamp in prosecuting my experiments to ascertain whether the form of the top of the burner could be improved — a very little oil getting over the little rim which was at first decided on — I had an inner rim, about mid way between the circumference and the wick holes, and the space between the two rims deepened to the depression within the inner one — but was found to be no improvement. for while the inner circle was quite free of oil the deepening between the rims w[ou]d be entirely filled

and — a little Oil will get over the high external rim — I then had the inner rim taken off and interior so depressed as to make a slight slope towards the Centre — I filled it for trial this eve. and the result was a total failure — the light was not half equal to that the eve preceding with one of the original L.H. burners — the wicks have to be trimmed [illegible] adjusted — and the whole interior lined with the black deposite of the oil from the [illegible] cleared vapor — and some on the outside of the high rim in perpendicular rim — brother Wm called to see if I wanted a german who had applied to him to be hired, for the Summer — who has good testimonials for such service as we should like to have in a more prosperous State of our affairs, but under existing circumstances it would not be prudent to engage him — Bro. Chs & Benj. were also here — they are summoned to give evidence before the Com. of the legislature on the Bridge Dam petition tomorrow at 3 P.M. — for which they will leave in the morng — It is a trial to be absent from home while their Sister E. Drinker is so ill, but nothing now appears like a very sudden exit, though they have ceased to hope for her recovery — I was much of the forenoon busied in putting a new cord to the morng. Wt. of the nursery Clock, and looked into the Papers in the eve.

5th. day 13th. Spent a considerable part of my leisure this day in looking over the Nos. of the Dict. of Mechanics which has an article on Lamps — but found nothing equal to mine in Simplicity, durability & efficiency anticipating that Mr. Brightman would call to take home the Lamp fitted for my Cousin S.R. Arnold I

begun a written description of the lamp & directions for its management for her perusal, — I had not completed it however when he called — but he will give an exhibition of the parts and an oral stat. which will suffice for this wk

6th. day 14th. finished & sent over the Description of the Am. Lamp — O.H. Morgan called and gave some acct. of the proceedings before the Com. of the Legr. relative to the bridge draw — had a note from Cousin S.R.A. relative to the lamp & quite commendatory I gave the bearer of it some instruction as to its management — Tried the lamp burner which has been altered again, by cutting off top rim and making a bevel from the bottom of the thick to an eighth of an inch from the outter edge of the wide hole — supporting it within the burner Case on a couple of wire rings cut f. on the Steamer frame — this change promises to perfect the L.H. Lamp — flame brilliant & steady — almost no oil getting on the bevel and none by positivity to the outside of the Case —

7th. day 15th. Occupied with my books and accounts — Bro. B. was here at tea and gave a further acct. of the proceedings before the Com. of the Legislature —

1st day 16th. My readg. to day has been chiefly in the bible, the Epistles at the close of George Fox Journal, and in the Memoirs of Maria Fox — who recently died in England — a Talented and humble Member & Minister of the Society — Ma chere H. was out at her meet[g]. After Dr. on 5th Inst, at home with a cold — Great excitement in Town among the Colord people in consequence of intelligence that a Steamer with 100 Marines onboard is on the way hither to arrest fugitive Slaves from the South — The bell was tolled this morg. to give the alarm, and large meetings on 5th to have taken place to day on the subject — It is said that they meditate resistance & are armed — It is to be hoped in all events that no such insane Scheme was be attempted either by the Col[d] people or those who sympathise, as all do here with them in this alarming circumstances — and liabilities under the Law of 1850 Chl Randall was here at tea

2d day 17th The rumor respecting the meditated descent upon the fugitives from Slavery appears to have had no foundation in fact — though the Boston people who sent the account by Express believed they had authority for doing it — Rodney French called to inform me of the proceedings relative to the Bridge petition before the Cond of the Legislature — He thinks that appear-

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anies are very favorable for the petitioners
Bro. Wm & Edw. Hadley called towards evg
— and B. R. Smith of Phila on this evg. on
his way to Boston
3. day 18th — The very severe N.E. Storm snow
and hail, detained B.R.S from the morng &
the P.M. Cars — I fear we shall hear of seri-
ous disasters — Thos had a few calls
notwithstanding the Storm
4th day 19th B.R.S left us this morng — had
a call from Bro. Wm & Charles — the latter
partly in relation to C.C. Stewart acct.
The acct from C Drinker shows that she
is rather more comfortable but give no
more hope of her recovery — I have
had some pain in my knee for the last
few days — which discourages a good
deal my hope that I was verging towards
recovery — but I must submit to the allot-
ment assigned to me by Divine Providence
and strive to do so with patience and
resignation —
5th day 20th Had a call this forenoon
from Aud. Jackson of St John N.B.
who sailed so long in C.C. Stewarts Ship
James Stewart — The Whaling Business
in which he has risen to the rank of
Captain. being at an end from that port

He has come here, with the best testimonials to seek employment here — As he is a Portuguese by birth, and is not naturalized here he must go one voyage as mate — I referred him to my bro^r Charles, and desired him to hold himself disengaged till I could ascertain that there was no opp^y. for him in Ships owned in my family — Spoke to my bro^r Wm of him in the afternoon & also to N G & Pope they want^g. him for the Ship Chandler Price — the latter having Called to enquire of me about him — My opinion is that he is one of the best men in the world for the business — Bro^r Ch^s was here in the eve^g & bro^t his Lamp which does not do well for me investigate the cause of its failure. attempted a chart Simple Chain 6^th day 21 devoted most of the forenoon to Regulator examining and restoring to their proper condition C W Morgan's Lamp — having by neglect about the burner and appendages become partially sealed to the ingress of the air, so that the Capillary attraction of the wicks was so checked that the light began to wane after 2 hours, had a call from N. P. Brightman. for

a little explanation respecting the alteration of the burners of the L H Lamps to make them conform to those last altered by bevelling the thickness from the lower edge towards the wicks, dispensing wholly with the little elevation or the circumference of the top hitherto thought essential — and I availed of the opportunity to make a slight change in the wick Shield & Steering frame to guard against the liability of a recurrence of the trouble which they have had at C. H. Mrs — Geo Hasey called on business twice, and Judge Prescott was here last evg. in relation to the ejection of my Portsiade tenant

yesterday Occupied with my pecuniary obligations with considerable anxiety till the close of the afternoon mail — had a call towards eve from our elderly neighbor Abigail Howland & Geo Richmond was here also a few minutes

J. J Bartlett also called, he thought my knee had improved in appearance since he saw it — but a little pain admonishes me daily that the improvement is extremely slow. Still I have hope that after a few months more I may have more reliable evidence of ultimate restoration — Employed myself in the evg. to comply with Geo Richmond's request

that I would furnish him with the Cost of my wharf & improvements & that of W. Richmond of which I am 1/3 owner. to use in the Bridge Case 1st. Day 23 made some additional preparation and wrote out the result as requested by Gen. Richmond — Read in the Bible, the sermons of Sir Wm Leighton, and the works of Archbishop Leighton — Sally Hammond was here at Dinner and Aunt Nancy. Nephews Wm & Benj. were here in the afternoon & Eve —

2d. day 24th. Somewhat anxiously occupied with my financial arrangements for my pecuniary obligations — Copied towards eve. my corrected description of my lamp & its appurtenances — to accompany one of the lamps which I had prepared for my beloved relations to my Cousin B. Roth — London by my nephew S. W. Rodman, who with his cousin A. Roberson Jr expect to Sail for Liv.l in the Asia from N York on the 26th Inst — Bro. Benj. was here at tea and in the eve. — This is my 69th birth Day — it reminds me forcibly how far along I have got on my earthly journey — Oppressed as I have been for years with a load of Care which hinders that peaceful meditation on the life to come, which is befitting the advanced stage of my pilgrimage — To my other trials has been added the past year a disqualifying Physical infirmity, that makes

me dependent on the aid of others to a degree which I have not been accustomed to and from which my disposition is averse — But Submission & Patience is a duty, for which I must not cease to strive & to pray. Trusting & believing, that the trials of this Mortal State if rightly borne may advance our preparation for the life to come

3d. day 25th — Busily occupied, with my almanack daily financial Cases &c. my Correspondence till the latest hour to save the Express for N. York — Sent the Extinguisher & appendages to my nephew in N. York to be taken with the lamp to my Cousin in London. C.M. Morgan aided me in my Cal.a Correspondence. had a visit from my old friend Cromwell Barnard in the forenoon & from Mr. Dermont in the eve.g

4th. day 26th. Engaged with my financiering & correspondence till the Close of the afternoon mail, and then looked over the newspapers which I had for want of time omitted to read — busy afterward till a late hour on the Bellevue Estate Accounts with Lessees, and in writing to M. Nat Harrad to accompany my Statement of Debit & Credit

5th. Day 27 — had a call from David Mack formerly Preceptor of the Academy — he has recently been ill but is now recovering — He now has a boarding School for Girls in Waterstown, established about 4 years and in flourishing Condition — busy in writ J. about my Western lands in the afternoon, and in the eve looked over Horace Mann's Speech on the fugitive Slave Law — it is an elaborate attempt to show its unconstitutionality, the perfectly irreconcilable doctrines of Slave institution with the Charter of liberty is well understood — but he fails to establish that the power is not given in the instrument to enable the holders of Slave property as they term it in the Slave States, from reclaiming deserters thus held under their laws if found in other States — for it explicitly stated in one of the articles — however at variance this may be from the Grand principles of Liberty which are so

6th. Day 28th. Made a thorough examination of the exterior of the Light House, among the burner case and the incrustation at the triangular cavity encircling the bird spinned burner — but will wont taking up this from its seat — washed the parts outside & inside the burner case — no escape of Oil now taking place — so that the lamp cases be kept quite clean — and there seems to be no escape of oil into the

Dripping cup + The inconvenience attending the Wednesday appears to be all overcome & the lamp to present a brilliancy of flame unequalled by any other Oil lamp - Joshua Stone called twice relative to the transfer of Wm C Rotch's stock. I declined making a new certificate till more fully advised of its legal operation on the present indebtedness of W R R. to the City — A Roberson was here in the evg. hearg. &c to day from Phil. his case not having been postponed - 7th day had a call from Rodney French a little after noon, to give me an account of the proceedings in the bridge case, which he thinks are very promising of success - Ch Barnard Esq. has been requested by the Attys Genl of the adverse parties to see if the compromise cannot be effected — but his opinion was opposed to any concession from Gov't. - Geo H Morrison called in the afternoon & Mg. about the transfer of Wm C. Rotch's stock he having contracted for the sale of 10 more than he originally had — I again declined issuing a new Certificate till further advised — in the Evg Geo. H Bourne came on the same business Geo Hussey being with him I again refused with decision till better informed of it effect on W R R. liabilities. G. H. ap-

proved of my reports, sent for Elliot to get advice on the point but he was not at home

1st. Day 30th. Rose pretty early - and was surprised to find our Frances in the parlor having arr.d this mg. from Springfield, on a matter of business, he says that Elisha is tho't to be better — had a call from T.D. Elliot about the mg. house who the would call this eve. G. Hussey. called sometime before and also in the eve.g - we find that the Certificate cannot be withheld — had a call from C.W. Morgan and also from Walter Mitchell & Lemont to take leave — read in the Bible and the revelation of A.J. Davis - a very remarkable book if it is not a fraud on the credulous

2d. day 31st. Had a call this afternoon with Joshua Stone & authority from W.P. Rotch to transfer the Stock Stand. in his name in the St. Mills Co.y Geo. H. Downes last being the bearer and witness to the Letter of Atty - I sent him to request Geo Hussey the Pres.t to call on this day & from Downes to complete the Certificates - This was done - and they were delivered — W.R.R. failed to call and see me as he promised Geo. Hussey that he would

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— Q. H. + A.G. Hall were here in the eve. and I issued with their approval a call as clk. for a m.g. of the Stockholders on the 7th to consider what course shall be adopted to pay the debts of the Corp.n and protect the coy. from additional burthens being thrown upon them if possible by the Secession of the members who have withdrawn

3. day 4 mo. 1 — Occupied in stating my acc.t with the Belle Vue proprietors — and other business matters — A. Robeson was here in the eve. E. Dimber is reported as very low not likely to survive the night — A.R's call related chiefly to the business with Ch. E. Stewart — I think it will be necessary for him + Charles to go to St. John

4th. day 2. mostly occupied in completing my acc.t as agent of the Belle Vue Prop.rs Brother Wm. was here in the afternoon, his sister in law Elisha Dimber died this morning about 8 Oclk very calmly — and it is a great relief to the Sympathies of her friends who have long abandoned the hope of her recovery — She is a martyr to her strong maternal feelings towards her inconsiderate son in California. who has been very much wanting in the reciprocal feeling. so important to

a mothers happiness — She was a woman of strong mind & kind & benevolent disposition — rather Speculative, and deficient in that religious faith. I mean that practical reliance on it which is so essential to smooth our pathway in this discipline stage of our being — She was much respected, and beloved — and her distressing illness and the inconsiderate misapprehension of the insanity of a mothers love by her wandering son will tinge with sadness the memory of her many excellent and virtuous qualities.

5th Day 3d — Bro Benj. was in, as was Sister Sarah on Harriet who has been unwell for a day or two is now obliged to give up — Dr Bartlett was called to her — I had two calls this week from my Cousin S.R. Arnold relative to some of our Meeting for the N.B. P. Soc; Sailors Home —

6th Day 4th engaged about my business Cases and duties — had my original tin lamp fitted on a new plan for adjusting the Chimney — by a Spiral wire round the Chimney, resting on a point in the circle of the frame through which it passes so that by turning the Chimney it will rise or fall — it being kept in position by two wires passing in the Cotters of the Chimney attached the supporting rods of the Chimney frame. The motion is quick, and sure. This with the

comparative economy of the contrivance will I think make it preferable to the other mode of adjustment, where convenience & cheapness take precedence of neatness and expense — The bevel form of the top of the burner, tried in one of the parlor lamps did not equal my expectation on two evgs this week; the failure I fancied was owing to poor fit of the depression rim to the burner, the space being about 1/16 of an inch at first, and this was increased by my correcting my workmans misapprehension of my written instructions — but on getting a rim of the former bevel adapted to the burner it burns with its former success — — A.G. Snell & T.C Allen were here this evg. on the business of our mill — and I explained a plan of which I have been thinking — that may be expedient for them to me to adopt — but which requires more thought and information to warrant a decision — D. Bartlett was to see Harris again who had a poor night

7th day 5th Ezra Francis spent the forenoon here to give an acct. of his agency for my Lepton Houses — and it took me the rest of the day and evg. to make an accurate statement of the accounts — J. H Clifford was here in the evg. for a professional consultation in relation

to our St Mill affairs — he will consider the case and report at the end of next week. Harriet seems better — and it is hoped may soon be about house again, her services are much missed by Mr Chase & Sister, particularly in Thos. Room — of whom she has taken the Chief Care —

1st Day 6th Read in the Mem.s of S. M. Kingston and looked over the Semi Weekly news, &c. very press. business prevented my doing, or the local paper of our own town through the week — looked also into the book of A. J. Davis — Mr Chas H. Sue & Edm.d were at the funeral of E Dresser, the weather very stormy — & the attendance very small — Mr. Morrison who it was desired should officiate was detained at home by illness in his family — Sally Ham.d was here to dine — Geo. Hussey called & Eliz.a Fisher was here to tea the latter come with Sister E & Micah from Fall River in Mothers Carriage — it returned with the two quite late, and it must have been an unpleasant ride — E. F. came for a few days to see her Grandmother & Aunt Lydia, improved a business occasion of her bro.r Lindley's to this place & Boston for this object

2.d day busily engaged writing to my business Cors and in preparg. for the Stockh.rs Mg. of the St. Mill Co.y this eve.g — with reference to it critical condition — and the Directors were authorized to sell the Establish.t & close up if they deemed it expedient. & hold the members prest. retired to their respective equitable & legal

liabilities, for the Am.ts required beyond the whole Proceeds of the Corporate property — Eliz. Fisher, was here a few minutes to take leave — returng. by the R Road to F River this afternoon — and thence home? tomorrow.

3.d day 8.th Edm.d went this Mg. to Boston I have been — much engaged in writg up the St.m.t Mill, meetg. record, and bring up the arrears of the Ledger — Jos. Arnold & H Roberson were here in the evg — and Merritt Trimble and his bride (Mary Underhill) made us a call before Din.r they expected to return home via Fall River to night, but the storm — Shd. prevent their embarkg —

4.th day 9.th Busily engaged with my accounts — have a letter from C.C. Stewart with the proceeds & the California remittance — but nothing satisfactory as to the important topic of my late letter — Dr. Johnson of St. Louis called, and I shewed him my tongue. He thought it would get well — in time — and recommended a cold douche & friction with flannel to stimulate the absorbents

5.th day 10.th Engaged with the analysis of recent Sales of Cottons — no more satisfactory than the last or previous quarter — Bro.r And.w & Charles were here and talked on St. Johns business — and pretty much concluded to go there — and wished me to prepare for this — This I shall endeavor to do but the pressure

other important matters. I regret to think makes my success somewhat doubtful, still I shall try. — 12

6th day 11 got through with Alvy Patterson & his affs and wrote to them, with special reference to the pending Collateral liability against us. then last them acceptances were given — The changed circumstances of our company by the withdrawal of Wm C Hatch has a material effect on this negociation — Had this week a letter from Geo Wm Boyd — which strengthens my previous suspicions that he has been swindled, notwithstanding my expedient to prevent it — The only probable excuse of the failure, which looks to me probable, is the abstraction of the letter from the Post Office in Quincy which would have put him on his guard. I immediately sent him letter

7th day 12th containing my work on the N.Y. & Phila Sales — Geo. Hussey's family except himself set off for N. York, via Fall River to be present at his Son. Wm's (marriage) — our Susan & Ellen have spent the week with him by his invitation, and have had a very pleasant visit — See presiding over the Service

1st day 13th My original tin lamp with the new chimney adjustment, I have had lately in use, but as it did not burn well, at the last of the Oil I yesterday removed the original Strainer which had been (I believe) first in one of the lamps at the L House — & been several times cleaned — and burned it out &

without any steamer, the wicks being in good order and of full length — I did not perceive any marked difference — and impute its decline before the lamp is wholly exhausted to the too great depth of the lamp — this imposing too heavy a duty on the capillary action of the wicks to afford a full supply of oil at the last — Andw & Charles were here and informed me that they had decided to leave tomorrow to take the Steamer the next day for St John — I had not to this point been able to make any preparation, without applying this day to it — which was needed for other thoughts than those of business and rest from that class of labors — I therefore spent the day after putting a new Steamer to my lamp, in reading in Sr Wm Knighton's Memoirs, the Review of Doddridge & Clarke, over the hours of the week which I had been obliged to forego — My dear mother & Sister Eliza arrived from Fall River, and are at A. Robesons — Our daughters were to see them and report them pretty well, except that mother has some remains of a Cold — Set to work in the eve. to prepare for the St John expedition and requested a Call from T. D. Eliot to apprise him of what I Mr. want of him to-morrow — Mr Chase H. aided me in looking over my journals, to ascertain dates, of the early incidents of the projected enterprise — Eve. Hussey called, and Spent the eve. with Thos — Requested him to call and see J. H. Clifford relative to the St Jn Mill questions which he has had under consideration, (as he came to see us Penr was in. the morning.

2d day 14th Rose early and applied myself with the utmost assiduity in preparing the Papers, & my Notes for the St. John Session — T. D. Eliot was here twice to get my notes, and just then in authentic form — A.R. was also here — The job was reasonably accomplished — and the Papers were committed to A.R. who left with his daughter & Grand Child in the last train Ch.S having gone in the second — The exertions of the day required repose, and I spent the rest of the time till dark, in looking over the Seventh day's Boston Paper — The lamps performed about as usual, notwithstanding the changes of the two last eg's — On first day but this eg — I find that the probable reason of the decline at the last is that the wicks were not high enough at the outset — the error in such case & the combustion of the small protruding portion, preventing the oil being raised sufficiently high at the last in the requisite quantity. On this eg I raised them so high that it was necessary to lower the Glass to about 5/16 of an inch, to control the smoke — in this way, by raising the glass a little as the eg. advanced. I had as brilliant a light at the close as at the beginning of the eg.

The new mode of adjustment by its quick action, giving a better command of the flame than the Spring or the Screw — Ch Rey still here in the eg & I obtained him to take a letter to the P.Office

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3d day 15th. Engaged in the forenoon about my financial arrangements, afternoon & eve'g. in writing to B Rotch & U. S. Minister at London about my inventions — had a call from D. Bartlett, I could not report any improvement having considerable uneasiness about the knee — he thot. it looked a little better than when he last saw it — he reports favorably of the appearance of Thos. knee — in appearance he says it is very much like the other — Had an unfavorable letter from A. Pole. in reply to mine of last eve'g — so that troubles thicken — but we must Strive & trust.

4th. day 16 — Busily engaged with my accounts all day — A Coburn & H. W. Morgan returned to day from Boston — discouraged by the Storm. the Boat detained & from the appr. of the weather will be so still. This is all the most severe that we have had for many months. The tide rose at Boston so as to submerge all the wharves and to do great damage to the goods in the Cellars and basements of very many dwell's.

5th. day 17th. N.E. Storm continues. but with less violence — H. Delano here this morng. told him I had great fears for the keepers of Minot's ledge Lt House he s'd he had no fears — the eve'g. papers announced its destruction with the loss of the two assistant keepers who were in it — busy with my Accts.

6th. day 18th. — Geo Hussey Called — has'g. ar'd yest'y or this morng from N.Y. — the boat being detained the night after leaving by the Storm, at anchor under the Lee of Stratford point — They had a satisfactory time at the marriage of William. the Storm notwithstanding — This however occasioned the absence of a large Congregation at the public meet'g.

y^th. day 19^th. Occupied with my Accounts — Chs. & Andw. were here in the a.m. — The Storm detained the S^t. John & Nova Scotia Boat till next p. m. — it seems a Pity that they did not avail of it — but the passage to have been unpleas^t. as the Storm is not yet over — though the violence of the Wind has much abated — as their other engage. may hinder their going for several weeks — broke a lamp Chimney — by the wicks being too high and not quite even, and injudicious management by too hasty an endeavor to regulate the flame — after having it too much suppressed, by the Chimny adjustments —

1^st. day 20^th. Read in the Memoirs of Sir Wm. Kingston and the Reviews of the works of Neander the great German biblical Scholar & Historian, in the "Eclectic" and found it very interesting — Bro^r. Wm. was here towards evening — The subject of my financial troubles was talked of. he is very kind in counsel and in temporary accommodations — Would that my necessities were not so great that this and the other aid which I can rely upon would be effectual to lighten the burden of Anxiety which presses upon me —

2^d. day 21^st. Assiduously occupied with My Clerkly duties — and have about got abreast of them again — Read in the Boston Bap. Journal, the Account of the destruction of the Light House on Cohasset Rocks — involving the loss of two Valuable lives — from the description of the Iron Structure

and its unequivocal indications of weakness in previous Storms. it complicates the Scheme & judgment of the Engineers, who insisted on its Stability in opposition to the evidence of actual Experience. to momentous Neglect — and shows but ignorant pretenders to the qualities required for such duties — and I doubt not they will receive at all competent hands the condemnation they so fully merit

3d day 22d — Engaged in my writing &c in the forenoon — in the afternoon examined Cousin S.P.'s Carcel Lamp — the Mechanism of which I could not fully understand from the Drawings in the Dict. of Mechanics — All of my enquiries — as to other inventions in this line do but confirm my opinion of the value of my own — Geo. Harvey & A.G. Smallwood &c

4th day 23d. Geo Hussey my bro: Wm Wade here about our St. Mill Pay — Sailed in the Applications at the Mechanic's & Savings Banks — Charles A. Morgan was also in prior to his leaving with Andr. to make another attempt to get to St. John — My dear Mother was also to see me, with Sister Elvira the weather having been insuperable for her to come up before, — She seems well for her great age

5th day 24th Engaged in my business attentions

with reference to the large pay^{t}. in Boston tomorrow — A. Roberson was here and returned the documents prepared for their visit to St. John. the boat leaving returned on Saturday On her passage yesterday morning — The trip will therefore be given up for the present — availed of his call to get him to look at some ties which think of send^{g}. to Newport for the Bellevue House — have been yet unsuccessful in procuring the discr^{t}. of the notes made with reference to the large Boston Payment — Bro. Wm. & Geo Hussey called with reference to it the latter in the a.m. — he is much interested in getting in our success — G. Howe continue his endeavors to get the assistance of the two Banks tomorrow. Some of the directors of which are very friendly

6th. day 25th Made preparation to send by Edm^{d}. just means & proper as we could get prior to the departure of the mid day train — in reference to which I was very anxious the more so from the failure to find promptly one of the notes on which I partly relied — so that Edm^{d} was obliged to leave the House in front of

Thos J. made conditional arrange.ts for its
use with the others in Boston — It was
ultimately found and sent to the Depot to
Edm.? but he returned it with the Message
that it was not needed — This was a
relief; though I did not learn till Gen.
Harvey call on his very home how well
he with my bro: We had succeeded at the
banks and with their own private means
and influence, had procured the whole am.
in money & Boston Checks — This was
a joyful result — for which I am very
grateful to my brothers & our friends & to
to that kind Providence who has again through
their agency relieved me in my extremity
— Sent 17 tons from our grounds via Rail-
road & to W. W. Hazard Newport to be delivered
on the Bellevue Premises — H Sherman and
Alvan Morkert spent equivalent to the day I left
about them & in filling the holes & smoothing
the ground after their removal — Bro: Wm.
called towards eve.g. & showed a very kind in-
terest in relation to the pay.ts in Boston — Ed
returned while he was here or just before having
accomplished his mission satisfactorily
by the day 26 — occupied in my financial arrange-
ments, and with my accounts and correspon-
dence till 3 O'Clk — when Capt Stall

late of the Winslow. and now just arrived in the Magnolia called and spent the afternoon C.W. Morgan was here later —

1st day 27th — Took from my conical lamp frame the spring slide which regulated the chimney — the spiral wire round the glass being a much better arrangt. Read again the Reviews of the German Church Historians Neanders works with renewed pleasure — also the Report of the State Reform School — which is very satisfactory and continued my rapid glance at the remarkable "Revelations of Nature" by A.J. Davis in the Clairvoyant State — about which I know not what to think

2d day 28th Rose early to prepare for my financial arrangements — and spent most of the morn. of the day in writing to C.C. Stewart. wrote to C.W. Morgan — and sent a com. to bro Wm. to be signed by him & Ch. if approved, remonstrating against the location of a Street over our Land by the Rail Road — had an unexpected Call from Cousin Nathan. Barneys son Jos — who was the bearer of an opportune account from his father — Our Sussex had a visit from her friends Mary Collins and the Hastings — Had a Call from my friend Nathan and a Conference with him about my Chimney adjustments — He thinks the spiral wire has too unextended a look to meet

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3 day 29th. Occupied forenoon in writing to Enoch Lewis to my nephew A. Roberts Jr. for information of the most approved St. Engines for such a Cotton mill as ours — to be able to judge of the expediency of a change in this part of our arrangement — afternoon & eve. less vigorously occupied than usual not being quite well 4th day 30th had rather a disturbed night and though not quite well occupied in my usual cares and duties — My Dear mother & sister Ellen were here to dine &c — She seemed more oppressed with the effort of coming into the house, and going up to the 3d. Story to see Thomas than heretofore It is about 4 months since She has taken a meal with us — and these additional mot. appear to have been marked with some perceptible loss of strength, though remarkably well for her advanced age — Bro. Andw was here in the afternoon, and again in the ev to see her safely to his house where she is now making a visit — I thought myself better to day & therefore took a walk as usual. 1st day 1st. Nov. though with more than usual moderation — our children at Bro. Williams to tea to meet Chs Wolcott Morgan and wife from Phila — The eve. being rainy we availed of Mathers Carriage to bring them home — She made us a very pleas visit

5th Day 30th — ~~Had quite a Sick night and~~ unwell all day ~~but was compelled to attend~~ to very urgent financial arrangements ~~have~~ pressed upon me to day — and devoted my time ~~&~~ attention to my correspondence & accounts — P.M. Small was here in the evg. on Dr. Mills business no improvemt of prospect. Sister Sarah & Bro. Chs. & Benj. were also here in the evg. — but most of the time was spent with Thomas Capt. Stall was also here in the afternoon who gave me the first information of his arrival in the Magnolia — — not quite well late in the evg — our Son had his friend Mary Collins & the Nancy at tea

6th Day 5 mo 1 — Had a Sick night and very anxiously busy in my financial arrangements had a Call from James Buffington one of the Selectmen of Fall River about the New Street across my wharf lot — Told him I would freely give the use of my land reserving the right to cross it with Rail Road track to my wharf if it should be desirable to do so — which condition he & Stone be reported to the Town and he had no doubt the condition would be acceded to — returned early — Thos. C. Allen was here the fore part of the evg — also Judge Prescott. I exam

80 and the boy rd. yesterday from Boston and found it
cont.d One of the lamps which I sent to Boston
to be shown to the Mans — returned by some mis-
take contrary to my instructions respecting them
— propose to have the burner trimmed & taken off
before I send it to Phil.a or London as the case
may be —
1st. Day I wrote to A P Bright. about the alter-
ation of the lamp — and then anxious but
occupied in making my Payments — Capt.
Hall called who did my business at the
banks for me — Edmund having gone to Boston
on 5th Day — Posted my letters Copies &c
for last mo. — on a somewhat improved plan
which owing to the failure of my shoe soles
pushed back me till quite late Calth.n
Jo.h C. Delano was here in the afternoon to ar-
range for the papers which may be required
him in his absence in England. had my foot some
time on the floor — for the first time since the 9th
1st Day Read in the bible. first. Sir W.m Knighton's memoirs and looked into Mrs Penn's works
S. Hammond was here to dinner — Meeting
at Meet.g Arch.t Rd — I sat an hour or
two with my foot on the floor & am having
felt no injury from the ab yesterday

2d day 5th Had a call from Geo Richmond relative to the dividends of the Bridge — made an attempt to get some information from my Cousin the Treas. of the Corporation — but did not succeed. examined my own books — an alarm of fire hastened him away before I had quite completed the investigation
3d day 6th made further research in my fathers books for the Cost & profits of the bridge and made a com. from — and sent the result in a letter for R. French — to Geo Richmond
4th day 7th had a call from Capt J.C. Delano who leaves on the 10th for England in the Pacific — W. H. Swain called to see me — He has been confined with Rheumatism a couple of months since he was last here — he has just returned from Boston and reports the State of Mr Peabody's Sophia Knee — who has a Chair on wheels which permits him to move himself with ease — my bro: Wm Swain came to get a practical lesson on the management of the Lamp which my bro: Benj: had fitted
8th — A. P. Bassett man called with the new lamp — made for the model of the new Chimney adjustment which — except in the extra size of the guide wires at the base of the Chimney is very complete — he will change these and attach them under the moveable Cover which forms the base of the supporting wires — Had a talk about the Hot fountain lamps which he would rather

Prairie Hound Creek — Made a new drawing of the lamp, and wrote Orange to Call — sent to G. Hussey, the advertiser of the St. mill property for publ.n — he called, with Wm. in the afternoon to get umbrellas to shield themselves from a thunder shower, which rose suddenly.

6th day 9th — Engaged in my usual sedentary occupation —

7th day 10th — Thos. made a drawing of the hot fountain lamp — Rec.d a ball of Cocoa nut string to try in my lamps — made some comparison by weight with the fair article heretofore used — found the 18 threads 3/10 heavier than the 62 — Examined the small weights with the Scales for grain lately given me by my mother — found the set very imperfect, and the denominations not traceable — must send them to Boston to be completed & rectified — Bro Wm. called

1st day 11th. read in the Life of Swedenborg & worked on the S.W. add.n — had calls from Chs Grinnell R & Palmer & bro Charles the latter is not well and thinks he may have to defer his proposed visit to Penn.a — Geo Hussey was here between meetings — Dr Bartlett called in the evg to see Thos. who has taken cold —

2d day 12th Occupied in duplicating my last letter to C.C. Stewart, and in writing to the Assessors of the Towns where the Stock in the St. Mill Co is owned. The Painters were here with reference to painting the floor cloth of the Dining room &c, but on the whole it was deemed injudicious to do any thing with the floor cloth — Dr. Bartlett was to see Thos who is threatened with an ulcerated sore throat — which we very hope may be averted — He saw my knee, and said it looked a little better — I see no improvt for the last week. I think I checked its improvement by a little experimental patient rubbing last week — Bro Wm left to day for Penna — C.H. Morgan was desirous of going with him but deferred it on acct of his health — Their absence I fear will increase my financial difficulties. Go Heavenly Father

3d day 13th Engaged in my daily business and financial Cares — Edmd left this afternoon for New York intending to take Springfield in his way home

4th day 14th Very anxiously occupied with my money arrangements for the day — with by Special favor or Providence the Pay. to am met, giving me a respite of a few days more but darkness hangs over the future, and whether there is any deliverance this side the Grave from these sad circumstances our Heavenly Father only knows, & those higher intelligences which may be Cognizant of the experience & destiny

of the human family — C. M. Morgan U. S. E. Corps
Capt F. Hall were here in the afternoon — The misunder-
standing of the agreement with the latter in regard to his com-
mission on the sales in Cal.ª was discussed — but with
out coming to any definite result — the subject of
his return to resume the Charge of the Winslow &
run her if it can be done to advantage on the Coast &
to bring her home was also considered but no conclusion come to
Mrs Russell & his wife were here in the eve.g
5th Day 15th Wrote up my books and had a Call
at eve.g from N. C. Brightman with the Lamps &c.
he has had to make or alter — all finished very in-
geniously to carry out the principles which I sug-
gested — and which I think will be approved on
trial — The adjusting Spiral round the Glass
chimney and the three guiding wires at the base
renders the effect their object in the most per-
fect manner and I think the appearance will
not be objectionable — or if that so that it
can be readily concealed by the paper Shade or
other device of a Lamp manf. ingenuity
6th Day 16 Spent most of the forenoon in preparing
my Lamps for trial and directing some change in
the burner of my bro.ˢ Benj.ᵃ Lamp which has been on
trial at my bro.ˢ Wm.ˢ and did not do well. E. Mot-
ley by my request sent it to me yesterday, and I

tried it last wg. it did not do well — the form is very unfavorable — it being the fountain reservoir of a double wand Argand lamp — flat at bottom so that the oil rises but little on the strainer when there is considerable in the lamp — there was a considerable blackness about the top from the condensed vapor of the Oil — I tho.t this might be remedied by cutting off the rim & bevelling it off for the more free access of the air to the flame — I think this with the removal of the strainer will improve its action afternoon had a call from John Gunn, to enquire about the St. Mill he has lately returned from California — I could give him no favorable acc.t — used the Skeleton letters from the fac.y to advertise by large letters on the building (some of my houses) that they were for Sale —

7.th day 17.th Gave attention to my business finances in the morng. the prospect looks dark for getting through next week — made calculations of the effect my lamp experiment last wg — as recorded in mem.s Bk — afternoon made some changes in the circumstances of one of the lamps for another experiment but with no better success (with the hydrostatic Reg.r lamp — the tin lamp (vi.z 2 of mem.s 13th p. 84) performed with unsurpassed beauty and brilliancy Simpson Hart was here in the eg — with reference to the house which fell into my hands from my attempts to assist Jas Stubbs after his adhesion to the Washingtonian Temp.ce movement — Chs Randall was also in to look at the Light

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8 1 M. day 18th Finished the Memoirs of Emanuel Swedenborg by Hobart Editor by Benj. Worcester the husband of my niece Mary Ruggles — He was certainly a very extraordinary man — aside from his visions — In every department of Science to which he directed his earlier years — he carried his discoveries and logical deductions far beyond his age — and his remarkable works on these subjects add to his Celebrity as years roll on and the researches & labors of successive generations of Scientific men come slowly to the results which with an almost if not quite Supernatural Sagacity had long before announced — and this together with his truly Christian life & character — give a kind of authority to his Revelations of the Arcana Celestia — & as many and an increasd. number of Superior minds give Credence — Mother H & Sue walked to the Cemetery to day to visit the Spot consecrated to the memory of our dear Mary — Her Sublimated Spirit can see above the Mists and Clouds which obscure mortal vision on these trans mundane topics — The walk was too fatiguing to my wife

2 day 19th Occupied in the morng. with my lamps and Experiments — and my financial business after the morng. devoted to my lamp experiments &c

3 day 20th I applied myself with all my energy to send papers and instructions to Jos. C. Delano in London with a hope of counteracting the fraud to some extent which C. C. Stewart is attempting — upon us who advanced the Capital for his & his father's scheme of whaling from St. John N.B.

had a call afterwards from Sister Lydia who is here on a short visit — Several persons were in on business - A Robeson the eng. who approved of my Contr to J.C. Delano and advises a semi-circular course in relation to the Jos Stewart in Cal.a — I urged him to go to St. John on this unpleasant business - and take Benj.n as a Companion since Charles is not well enough to go — Alden G. Snell and Thos C. Allen where here the rest of the eng. talking over the contract and sale of the Mill Hyde

4th day 21st Had a call from A Robeson. — Engaged most of the forenoon in relation to my Acct. with James Stubbs and in taking measures to offer the House, understanding by for Sale — late in the afternoon, transferred wicks & oil from Bronze (No 4) lamp to Small Store lamp (No 1) — Hannah & Sarah Perry were at tea with our daughters &c

5th day 22d Spent some time in improving the wire adjustment Spiral for the Chimney of my lamps in which I succeeded in obviating the inconvenience experienced by the slipping of the wire when on raising the Glass to the extreme limit & the end of the wire, by turning the chimney past over one of the supporting points and letting the whole fall till it caught on the next point with a jar — this was done by a short turn at the end of the Spiral which prevents its passing from the point of bearing to another — The operation is now very perfect and all the precision and facility of movement desirable is attained — Had two interviews with Capt Hall. O.H. Morgan was here in relation to the

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St. John business — Mr. Brigham was also here in reference to this and to Capt. Stalls proposed Voyage — I send the preliminaries as understood by the others differs very much from my ideas of what is due to our own interests — and wrote to the other owners about it and also in relation to the settlement of my acct with Capt. Stall — George Estes was here — about the Scale lot. which he finds the owners will not sell — and also about his own purchase of the two lots adjoining his Shop on the N.

6th Day 23d writing with reference to the attachment of the property of C.C. Stewarts in Calª — had a consultation with A.H. Mungen. H.G. & Pope & Capt Stall relative to his return to California to resume the management of the Mission Farm & Cargo — made some progress towards a more satisfactory arrangement — had a call in the ev.g from Daniel Davis — wrote till very late

1st Day 24th Continued my writing for Calª — We had another interview with H.G. & Pope & Capt Stall — and arrived at an understanding that is satisfactory — our ps. Hetty Hussey called to see me — wrote till late gave as usual some time to my Camels Experiments. Jno. Howes here to tea — Omitted to note the visit of Geo. Rich. last ev.g — he came that afternoon from Boston, and brot the agreeable news that the bill for widening the draw had passed to its 3d reading in the House as it came from the Senate.

2d Day 25th After giving some time to my Camel experiments I read in the Bible and commenced the memoirs of Eliz.th Fry by her daughters — in wh I read most of the day — her own notices of her renunciation of the pleasures and amusements which Solicitus her acceptance, are very interesting and

instructive — Had a call from T. D. Eliot Esqr. to sign with a document sent to his house yesterday with the originals for his notarial certificate of their agreement There proved to be an important variation in the first sheet of the Copy by an omission in one of the readings which made it necessary to write it over again, and as I saw no other time to do it in, I devoted the Evg. to the object thereby against my inclination — Benj. Ives was in — Jno. A. Hawes also to take a fine portrait of Webster which he has brot. to show to Thos

2d. day 26th. Actively engaged with reference to the agreement with Capt Stalo & W. G. & Pope & he were here on the business — Came to a more consistent conclusion, and I wrote it out, & the Concluding part of it and sent it to Bros: Chl who was too unwell to be here on the occasion for his approval & forwarding to Capt S. who will show it to W. G. & Pope tomorrow Mg. and let me have it compleated and sign'd reasonably for his departure tomorrow Pm

3d. day busily engaged for the Cal: & Pr. Steamers Mails — and only finished seasonably to avoid disappointment — Jno. Bryant was here in the Evg. which made me lose two or three hours to prepare my despatches for Capt Delano on the Stewart business, which obliged me to protract the Evg. still after Said night. Capt State was here in the Mg. and took leave for Cal: on the Mail boat business.

4th. day 28th. Wrote to Reed & Barton about Britannia

metal for lamps — made deeds of land sold to Eus. Estes
read the news of the week which I had not time to do
before, we heard to day that Sally Hammond was very
ill and Sister P & wife Chace H. went to see her. She had
been on a visit to Rochester and was sick there, reached
home on 1st day last — They found her very feeble oppressed
with her asthmatic affection with which she has been
occasionally troubled for many years, but in a very
quiet and patient frame of mind — They procured Agnes
Sisson to watch with her — Bro. Andr. was here this
e.v. he having deferred his visit to St. John till the
next Steamer, when his son Wm. will accompany him
with which arrangement although it causes some
delay I am quite satisfied —

5th Day 29th a call from Sister Sarah soon after break
fast informed us of the death of our old friend Sally
Hammond whose connection with my mothers
family dates back to 1810 — and her many
good qualities has entitled her to their common
esteem and kind regard — for the last 2 years
being too infirm to continue her accustomed Services
She has occupied a part of my mothers house on
Water Street in conjunction with our cousin Sa-
rah Hammett — She has been a Zealous mem-
ber of the Episcopal Church since its first establish-
ment here under Mr. Dent, and from the sympa-

they which She found in our family, in religious faith we have had her with us on every Sabbath when She was able to get out to Church — and it has given us much pleasure to be able to contribute a little in this way to her enjoyment — and I have had it to regret that my own financial embarrassments has forbid my giving more tangible proofs of my earnest wish to comfort and cheer her in her declining years — Her close was sudden and easy — so that her watcher was not aware of its near approach ~~till~~ in time to call any of the family before the Spirit had left its mortal tenement, and its infinities for the higher & happier Scenes of our progressive and immortal nature, when this State of being has been passed under the guidance of the Celestial Monitor ~~with~~ which offers its wisdom to all who will Wait & listen to its Counsel — Our dear Francis who arrived day before yesterday from Springfield for advice in the unpleasant State in which he finds his business, and the unwarrantably large indebtedness of his partner to the firm left on his return this morning — It is a very severe disappointment to hopes and extremely to the ~~expectation~~ — a large part of the amount which he was furnished by his Grandmother & Aunts I fear is lost. a Dissolution is decided on and if he has perseverance economy & business tact

I hope he may yet succeed, and profit by his dear bought experience — Nehemiah Leonard his partners father was here this eve.g — he is sadly disappointed too at the result of the Connexion but seems desirous that Eleisha should do all in his power towards expending the am.t which he has withdrawn, and retiring, and leaving the business wholly to Francis — The great depression in the Factory business of that in Common with other parts of the Country has had a very unfavorable influence on their success — Unfortunately my crippled condition puts it out of my power to do any thing in the way of restoring this lost Capital — A meeting of the directors of the N.B.S.M.Co. was held here this eve.g to act in relation to the authority given them to sell the Corporate property — The board was full and the vote unanimous to advertise it forthwith —

6th. Day 30th. Occupied with my pressing financiering and other affairs — Wrote a hasty letter to Francis had a call from Gr Tourney & J.B. King relative to the Factory advertised —

7th. day 31st. Spent more time than usual in refitting my lamps — put in new wicks to that with which I have lately been experimenting, also to one of the parlor

stamps – the one which has been tried at Br. Williams was returned, it answered well – in their management which appears to have been proper – The funeral services at the interment of our good old friend Sarah Hammond took place to day at the Epis. Capel Church & the remains were laid in my mothers lot at the Oak Grove Cemetery, my dear aged mother rode in the 1st. Carriage but was not in the Church – the proceedings were very satisfactory & the weather fine all of which adds a consoling reflection to our precious recollections of a woman of warm heart and generous qualities whose years from the vigor of her days has been devoted to the comfort of our family in it Stock & its branches – Peace to her memory – and to her happiness unalloyed, after her long protraction & usefulness, shielded by many sorrows ~~not~~ day Dec. 9. Read Chiefly in the Memoirs of Elizt. Fry with interest – as my wife's request wrote for the Mercury a short notice of S. H. for a memr. of our appreciation of her – Br. Williams was here towards evg. having returned this morning from Penna. &c. Wm. Davis was in – and made me a visit – Our friend Rufus Haviland, one of the Overseers of the Mg. called a second time to see me before the afternoon Mg. He found me much as when he was here last autumn – He has been ill in

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the time — I referred to the dangerous feat of Parker some weeks back in coming from New Haven to Stonington reef on the ice. He knew the man and the circumstances — he being brother in Law to Dr Rose who succeeded Rufus as the tenant on my uncle Wm's Point Judith — Brother Benj: was also in, in the w.g — and gave some hint like a disposition to go with our girls to New York on their way to make their visit at Brookfield

2d. day 2d Benj: was in again this morng. and brot plans & description of a pump which he thinks of getting for his Wales boats — (the Centrifugal pump) On exam: I doubt its great value if worked by hand muscle, by steam or other motive power I think well of it — he was long balancing whether or not to go to N.Y. about the pump and see our daughters this p.m — and he finally left with instruction that they sh be ready and he would go if he could make this arrang't and call for them — They made ready and he came & at half past 4 they went, with the joy & hope natural to youthful anticipation too as being their leader for a Caretaker on the 1st Stage of the journey — the weather very favorable

3d. day 3d — The House cleaning process has turned me out of my room into the back parlor, where I was assiduously engaged in my accounts — a more to be regretted incident of the overturn is the destruction by mice &

highly graduated Thermometer made for my Oil Experiments but never yet used — A. G. Bell was here in the eve^g to state his discouragements as to continuing to own the bill on his own acct — My Thermometrical or Weather journal has been neglected to day, being too unwell to attend to it myself & have no one now at home who can give it the proper care

4th. Day 4 — The semi annual house cleaning operations made it necessary that I should leave the Library with my books papers &c and they were removed to the back parlor — Had a long call from Bro^r Wm this morning — (very busy on the affairs of the Woolen and adventure &c &c — Capt Stalo left yesterday afternoon for Cal^a one week ago —

5th Day 5th Wrote to Bro^r Wm. about the Bridge meeting to day — Bro. Benj^n was in he arr^d this morning from New York, and reported that our dear Girls went to their Cousin Alice Underhill and passed 3^d day night and that Uncle Edmund would see them in some way — probably on their way to Phil^a yesterday morn^g they had a pleasant time on to N. York, & Mother called

6th Day 6th — Had calls from A. Roberts — and from him a description of the Bridge meeting — A Com^e was appointed to take legal advice and relation to the validity of the late Law for widening the bridge, but the opinion was that — not content would be engaged in [illegible]

with the Hale — bro: W^m who was at the meet^g took a similar view — I again am in the Library with my books & papers — R.T. Sanford called to see me 7^th day 7^th H^d D.R. Peirce here to remove my barometer from the Entry to the Libry, and to hang the thermometers in front of my window so that I can myself take note of the weather for my meteorological record which has been suspended since our daughter left home, Susan having had the care of it during my absence — The job was not finished probably owing to the rain this forenoon which prevented bro^r Allen did not come to drill the holes in the window Casing & Stool to attach and brace the suspending Cords &

1^st day 8^th Read to day chiefly in the Memoirs of Eliz^th Fry — which continues to have much interest for me — Geo. Hussey & my bro^r Benj^n were in at the Close of the Morn^g Mg^e & W^m was in towards evening to enquire about my financial troubles — which to cloud my days and prospects — Mon Chen^g — at home also 5^th day Pole day both being so much unwell with colds to go out as the weather is cool about wind N.E.

2^d day 7^th Busily engaged with my accounts and finances all day weather Chilly & unpleasant

3^d day 10^th C.H. Morgan was in with papers relating to the Cargo of the Ship Redman — he expects to go

to Phil.a day after tomorrow with Bessie who is expected to be well enough under Sweets admin.n — had a long Conference with R.G. Snell & Thos. C. Allen this forenoon relative to the St.n Mill Sale &c

4th Day 16th — Had one of Richmonds men here in the afternoon to finish the supporting wires of my Chev.n — and while in the work was going on — I assisting a little from the windows — Mary Ann Mothers Carriage drove up — and she made us a pleasant visit — Mrs Chew the Sister — were going down when she arrived on acc.t of their loss of Sleep last night in consequence of an alarm for our Edmunds Safety who took a horseback ride as I suppose and did not return till near midnight — as I could do nothing — and Jackson was at his house — Mrs Chew & Hart. Called out to Mrs Baker's — who kindly got up to seek the cause of his detention and on his way to the Stable to see if the horse was brot back — met our Son who had been Supping unexpectedly at Jos. Richardson — where he called for a few minutes after he returned from his ride — Sister E. was here at noon after ride into the Country with Lydia Russell for air & exercise the former having been kept at home for the last few weeks by a Strain of the ancle — Mrs Baker left with me yesterday one of their Card Candles. It was tried this eve.g with my Lamp by Comparison of Shadows, as was one of Ed.d Sp.s Candles at the same time, the result was, its light to mine as 1 to 13 — those of Ed.d & other make rather too small as 1 to 14 —

5th Day 17th. Writing &c to Bro.r & Phil.a about the Lamp for Mary Anne Sarah Morgan Sister &c C.H. Morgan & his daughter left this afternoon for Wakefield &c — Spent the morning of the day in bring up my arrears — in the Daily news Mrs Chew &c again troubled with Headache — I use a cold Sponge bath now twice a day to my knee which is better

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6th day 13th In the morning wrote directions about refitting the Syphon in the Stone Cellar at the Colony to prepare for any part of the Oil from the Rosco — brought up some arrears of my Correspondence, and afterwards completed the entries & posting of the St. Louis books — had a brace adapted to the sliding of the N. Side Window to shade the thermometers at 3. Oclk. in their new position — E. Kempton fitted it and did some other small jobs about the premises including the hall of the Water table to the S. door which has been so long out of place —

7th day 14th Engaged with my accounts the heavy obligations of next month casting a heavy shadow before I hope my health is improving a little: I have substituted for the Arnica which I have used for the last few months the application of a Sponge wet with Ice water for a minute or two twice a day — using a small piece of wet flannel over the part affected and retaining the linen & woollen coverings. the whole enveloped by the Stringed leg of the Pantaloon — read in the afternoon the Current News —

1st day 15th Read in the bible and in the Memoirs of Eliz.th Fry — had calls from Benj.n And.w W.m & Anna Robeson. Edw.d Motley & Wm Davis — The visits of all being partly or chiefly to Rec.d Rooms Fee. as this eng-

2d day 16 occupied to day in Calculating a table for shewing by inspection the equiv.t of Camp Expen.t in hourly consumption of the Oil, as a Stand.d of Comparison for Diff.t Camps — M. H. Ruggles Spent most of the forenoon with us and dined with the Family — Bro: Benj.n was also in — and Wm & Anna Robeson for a few minutes — They returned this afternoon I believe

3d day 17th Occupied Chiefly with my tabular Calculations — The Rev. T. M. Lambert Called on my wife & Sister, and Spent a few minutes with me and Thos in our rooms — A.G. Hall was also in in connexion with his affairs & responsibility in run. the mill on his own acct — Francis left us at 10 A.M. to return to his business in Springfield — his connection with E. Dorman having been dissolved by mutual consent on the 2d. Inst, he has all the care & responsibility nominally as well as in great degree heretofore virtually on himself — He shares with the rest in the fallen fortunes of his family — A. Robeson was in — and in the Ev. our friend Thos. A. Greene —

4th Day 18th Engaged about my accounts — and Collecting for resources to meet my liabilities — had a call from Capt Jno. Macomber — and Conversation about the Whale fishery in the N. Pacific & Polar Sea — also a call from Rich. Luscomb, both on business

5th 19th Occupied as usual at my desk — Bro. Wm Called and gave me an acct. of the doings at the Bridge Co's meeting this afternoon — It appears that they Voted to disregard the late act of the Legislature for widening the draw here — the legal Opinion of Professor Greenleaf of Harvard College that it was an unconstitutional act — violating the original Charter — This if a most unwise and pertinacious adherence in wrong — which I think will not redound to the advantage or Credit of the Company in any way — My Cousin J. Howard was in —

civil to A. Roberson in the meeting of which he was Chairman, and in a conversation with him afterward he was unjust in his insinuations against me.

6th Day 20 Occupied with my accts correspondence &c — Brother Benj. was in and spoke about the bridge meeting — Jos. S. Fillingham was here 21st relative to the insurance on the Bell Estate — had a call from A. Brightman and took off with the bowl of our high Solar with the base of frame of the rim which forms the seat of the Ep Glass Globe which had had the deflector removed by Craig & fitted so as to act on the louver Vicks, so that it can be raised or depressed while using the adjustible Chimney — This change prevents the loss of light by the deflector, and is therefore a great improvement over the common arrangement the light was judged this eve. it being faint and with new wicks equal to that formerly produced. though from the opaque glass the flame could not be seen — left it burning in our Sleeping room —

7th Day 21st The lamp burned brightly in the room &. when it was extinguished, the oil nearly spent being with my accts all day and till rather late in the eve — burned the high lamp without the Globe in companion with my small tin lamp and solid — [D. Bartlett called to day after his Western journey]

burner — both burned very well — See minutes of the experiment. — Anxiously looking for means to to meet my liabilities — J.S. Tillinghast was here to day and yesterday as mentioned under that date — W. Baker & L. Plummer & them wives went to see Mrs. Hutchins

1st Day 2d. After fitting my lamps and making my Calculations I read in the Memoirs of Eliz. Fry & then bible A. Robeson called at the close of the Morn. meet. and Matthew Howland with Hannah Mott and her sister Amelia Smith of Burlington stopped at the door but my wife & sister not having returned from their meeting they passed on, Mrs. M. called to ward & Aunt — In the ev. I glanced at the paper & my interruption by a friend & call from Elisha Thornton on his way

2. day 23. Made a drawing for a model of a new lamp burner ~~with~~ for a woven wick — and then devoted myself to my clerical duties — and accounts & Correspondence — Mrs. Chace H. went to call on her friends from Burlington but to her regret found that they left town this morning — She saw our Fr. Christ Hawkshurst, who will call to see us, the kindly sent me the 26th Ann. report of the Soc. for the reformation of Juvenile Delinquents. — My knee is gradually improving and I use my leg a little without bending the knee joint

3d. Day 24th Occupied with my accounts relating to the Fall River Mfg. Companies & preparing Schedules of property for assessors &c Geo Hussey was in relation to the Ft. River Valuation — J.D.

4th. Day 25th Occupied with Californic Correspondence &c

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had a call from Gray relative to H. Adams. alleged
deposits in the Sav. Bank Boston with letter from J. L. Wis
Low who wrote to me formerly about it — Sister Eliza
called and availed of the carriage to ride to the C.H. &c
to get a document which I had sent for before without
success — called at the Asst. Office and took my Jr H.G. Sawle
to aid me if needed in going to the C.H. &c — met a number of
the people about the whf. while I had not seen for near a
year the whf. was well surrounded with ships, more than I
ever saw there before, found the Paper and returned without
injury with a sight of some of the improvements in the town
for the last 12 mon — T.D. Eliot was here in the eve.
and we had a conv.n about the bridge — He seems to think
that Grenliefs opin.n on the Constitutionality of the law
is right — I think when judge Shaw passes upon it
he will find both wrong —
6th Day 27th Engaged with my accounts. He had a
call from Sister Eliza on business. and in the afternoon
from bro: And.w & Jo.s Mather of Phil.a — we had a long
conversation — on gen.l subjects. the State of the Slavery ag-
itation &c J.M. & I seeing there alike but very different
by from A.R. — J.M. reports Jon.a Robeson much better & com
ing to the Asst. Office
7th Day — Engaged as usual with my business calls most
of the day — mother sent to offer the use of her carriage for
me to ride again — of which I availed — and soon after 4.
went with machenth Sister Lizzie Hussey who dined here
we rode to the Cemetery and by the Spot which I often visit

tud while I had the power of loco motion — I remained in the Carriage while the others garnished with Several flowers the Grassy Hillock consecrated to our dear Mary — then rode to Brother Benj.ⁿ where we saw Annie Dinken & Sister Susan, whom as certainly the former I had not seen since the sad affliction with which they have been visited in the death of her mother — returned by Purchase St.ᵗ and the Factory to do an errand about my lamps &c and to leave a note for P. French about the Claim which I have for Wharfage lost by the Bridge — one or two Ships at the wharf since my ride two days since — we were unexpected by detained at Benj.ⁿˢ much longer than we designed which made us keep the Carriage so long that I fear mothers visit to Lydia Robeson's was much curtailed it being near 7 when we got home

1ˢᵗ day 29ᵗʰ After repeated J. my lamps &c I spent the day chiefly in reading the Memoirs of E. Fry & the bible — had Calls from Wᵐ & Lydia Greene Hanson Thurber twice, his wife Mary Niece Martha bro.ᵗ Andᵂ & Joseph Mather, all in the m.g. except A. T.'s first Call between meetings — I went to the dinᵍ room at tea & made the 4ᵗʰ at the table — my leg continues to improve —

2ᵈ day 30ᵗʰ Wrote to ~~C.D Bond~~ Fall River in relation to my wharf business — &c. and otherwise occupied at the desk

3ᵈ day 7ᵐᵒ 1ˢᵗ — Anxiously engaged about my money Matters — The pressure of Payments being great and oppressive — mother sent to see if I would ride but

my Cares forbid — Stacy Collins daughter Mary & the two Hutchings were here at Tea — Thomas came to the second Story to Sleep

4th day E. Engaged with my books & Accounts — late in the afternoon rode with sister Eliza by the S. part of the Town — to take home Mary Russell who had made a Call on my wife — This part of the Town looks prosperous and active — and contrasts as almost every other part does with my waning fortunes Called at Mothers and then with her extended the ride to my own lot which I have not seen since the Changes made there last Summer — a further Change being now in progress by the erection of a wood house &c &c — Sister Sarah & Clara were also here at tea —

5th day 3d — very busily and anxiously engaged in the morning to meet my payments of the day and could only succeed in doing this by borrowing pretty largely of my kind friend Geo. T Perry — — bro Wm was here in the afternoon and made a pleasant Call — He is indirectly a great aid to me in these times of financial trouble — and very kindly disposed to assist me with his advice &c in my trying Circumstances — Thos Came down to the parlour to day — where he will lodge till he may think himself well enough to go up stairs to bed — Had the Carpenter here to fit an iron wheeled Chair to support his leg — in which he means to move about the garden

6th day 4th very heavy thunder from 1 to 3. this m.g. soon followed by the booming Cannon to announce all of the Anniversary of the Dec.r of Ind.e a general holy day — marked here by a floral procession of the School Children, the youngest on Cars specially prepared & dressed with evergreens and each of the little women Bloom in their native loveliness and richly decorated with the blossoms of this Summer Month — a sight beautiful in itself & more so from the joy of their happy hearts which beamed on all the crowd of Spectators which witnessed the Scene — Music & Flags — made also a beautiful appearance — and one we have thought the flowery resources of this vicinity inadequate to furnish such a harvest as were here displayed — The weather was fair & the streets free from dust by the liberal rains of the early hours — I saw the whole from the bow window — which did credit to the taste & forethought of those who had the direction of it — This part of the observances of the day ended with a Collation for the Children in the Academy ground — and in the e.g. there was a fine exhibition of fire works from the Town lot on Purchase St. — the which e.g. weather was very favorable, and all ended as far as I have to general Satisfaction — which is a cause of thankfulness, so often are these Celebrations with some dreadful accidents involving the loss of life & limb — This has not however been a joyful day to us — bro: Chs. and this morn.g from Phila. and instead of being our daughters, as we hoped, he brings the painful news that our dear Susan is sick at Wakefield — overdone with the heat and the excitt. of their pleasant surroundings — G.W.M. left her in bed on 4th day m.g but in excellent Spirits looking to be able to visit her cousin Thos. the next day — — but at 10 C the next day when he started

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for home Laid by Fisher bro^t the intelligence that she had an attack of Cholera Morbus in the night & through apparently relieved her sister Eliz. the home & our family had better go to her — accordingly sister Phoebe with Edmund set off via Fall River this afternoon — Ma chose H. not feeling adequate to the journey — Lizzie Hussey remains through the day & will sleep here her mother & father were here, also bro^r Benj^n Howard Esq^r — Thos has tried his iron wheeled Chair in the Garden to day —

4^th day 5^th occupied by many business and pecuniary anxieties — and a deep solicitude for our dear Susan — from whom we have no intelligence to day — which we confidently expected, Sister Eliza was in and would have taken me to ride, but my time and my feelings induced me to remain at home — several of our friends were in to enquire after our dear daughter — The absence of news this unsatisfactory — I think authorities have rather fear — as the Telegraph or mail might have bro^t us intel^g &c., if both had been used, as they would have been if her state was more alarming — one would probably have succeeded —

1^st day 6^th my mother to day has been confined to the Bible and the Memoir of Eliz^th Fry — which are very interesting — we were relieved of our intense anxiety about Susan by a letter from H Barrow enclosing one rec^d by him from Rodman Morgan dated the 4^th which pronounced her relieved so that no one was required to go to her home — for this intelligence we are very grateful to the kind Providence, who in mercy will restore to us our precious Children — Bro^s Benj^n & Charles & Benj were in

also on P. Gr Harvey — whose sweet Eliz. remains with us
2d day — busily engaged with my financial business.
and accounts &c — P.M. at the St. Mill and to Sales — has
calls from bro. Benj. & Sister Susan, also bro. Charles
— a letter from our dear Ellen via Boston dated the 4th.
to the same purport as that rec. via N York — The
Telegraphic Despatch mentioned in bro. Hy. letter of the
4th was rec. this afternoon — So useless has been the
Telegraph to us on this occasion
3d day & to occupied with the analysis of Cotton Goods
Sales the result of which is even more disastrous
than those before rec. — So there seems no end in
the downward course of this business to us but in
ruin — wrote to Frame and England in the
afternoon — had a call from Andr. Craigie about
my wooden wick lamp burner — which strikes him
favorably and he will make one — (N. Harvey
and his bride were here to day but I did not see
them — I did not expect it as my engagements are
pressing and my spirits low — I have also had
a return of Pain in my knee to day, the very knee
here which I have put it to when it seemed better
appears to have been an injury — which add to my
other discouragements
4th day I to occupied with my acct. & correspondence
and had a call from N.P. Bridgham about the tin work
to mothers Oil Works — had a conversation about my
Syphon & my lamps — read the Boston Paper and the
eloquent and wise oration of the Sect. of State Danl.
Webster on the 4th Inst. at Washington on Laying
the foundation of the new Capitol — It is a produc-
tion of great interest and importance and is perfect
keeping with his noble talents Character & fame

and should be read by every American for the principles it so highly illustrates, the lessons it teaches and the patriotism which it cannot fail to inspire — Wm was here towards eg — a pleasant letter from Sister Phebe from Wakefield — Sister Sarah left to day to go to her daughter Eliz.th from whose manners the acc.ts are no more favorable — and I presume she will return with her

5.th day. Engaged with my St.m Mill a/cs &c &c — Gen Francis arrived this forenoon from Springfield to attend to his business — Jo.s Davis made me a visit in the afternoon — S.P Bridgeman sent to me my Cousin S.R. Arnold's dec.d lamp — to which I put wicks, a Strainer & Chimney, and sent it in to her — Frank's arrival caused the departure of his sweet Lizzie —

6.th day 11.th devoted my time at my disposal to the St.m Mill accounts — Had a call in the forenoon from Jo.s P. Lindsey of Fall River, and a long one from Jacob Hawkhurst of Newyork an old friend of a broad charity, active benevolence and a conscientious & humble Christian — He gives his sympathies and the aid at his command to the prominent public reforms and charities of the great City — In the afternoon Cousin S.R. Arnold called and was very kind in his manner — We talked about lamps — he seemed has performed well for the first (wife last eg — O.H. Thompson was here in the eg and Brig.r Sabin.e Ar.d in the Cars from Boston from Phil.a via New port where he has left his sister Mary She left Germantown on yesterday morng — and brings good news from our children & sister — My wife

had a Call from R. H. Dana — and the two Miss Perrys were here in the eve — with Frank & Lizzie's

1st. day 12th Employed until the closing of the mail — then looked over the papers, had a visit from bro. Wm in the afternoon & from A. G. Hall in the eve — Sister Elkins called to take me to ride but I thought it best to remain at home —

1st day 13th Spent the day chiefly in reading, the last Peace Magazine & Sunday Sch. Journal, the bible & Memoirs of Edes — Fox. Bro. Benj. was in — and Mary Collins of Newport here to tea whom I saw for a few minutes — Thos. had his friends but not so numerously as sometimes we had some expectation of seeing our Children, but they did not come neither did we hear from them by Mail — the usual irregularity which makes them go by the way of Boston, probably the Cause —

2d. day 14th Again at my Secular and anxious business Cares & duties — We heard from our dear Children & Sister — announcing their expectation of being here tomorrow — Had a very unexpected Call from Barzillai Lane — formerly well known to me as a Carpenter & rank democrat — and withal addicted to intemperance — It appears that he has of late years taken up the healing art and thus makes a living — Though I have so long known him and occasionally, though rarely seen him for the last ten years. I was not before aware that he had assumed the Office of an Empirick — and stood another proof of the culpability of the ignorant in matters where the most acute and well trained and experienced minds are at best very imperfect guides & entitled only to be moderate

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degree of Confidence — I showed him my knee & told him my experience — as it can only check instead of inciting him to the darkness & ignorance in such cases if called to them — by those who are ready to give their confidence to pretenders on the most invalid & mistaken grounds — My bro: Wm was here at the same time.

When I was young & at School I made a visit to one of the first family in the State, for ancestry & influence, the mistress of it, a little past the meridian of life was universally beloved in the large circle of her acquaintance for her superior & attaching qualities. Cultivated, intelligent, practical, benevolent, a perfect lady — the beauty of whose manners was the true Symbol of her excellence of mind & heart — and not, as is not unfrequently the case but the disguise of the real character. One Son was the only other member of the family at home. he was by some years my Senior, educated as correct in morals and a Gentleman, — And probably his deportment to others gave him a title to the reputation, — but I was perfectly shocked at his want of respect to his mother, — and such a mother! rude to incivility, he seemed to enjoy crossing her feelings & wishes, to a degree that could but be very painful to her, not only for herself, but with a mothers love also for him the offender —, though She strove to conceal it — instead of that filial deference which was so eminently her due from him. — I never after respected him — and never went to the Scene except with sympathy & pity that her maternal feelings should be so basely wounded — tho' both have been long since dead —

3d. day 15th. The family rose earlier than usual in the expectation of the return of our Children & Sister agreeably to their announcement — but not coming in the first train from N. River and being told there was no second in the A.M. as was my impression, we supposed they stopped a day with our friends in Newyork — but between 7 & 8 — they arrived in good health which was a great comfort and cause of gratitude — Dear Susan seems quite well though she was more ill than we had supposed, or it was of longer continuance — They have had a very satisfactory visit, with the exception of this drawback, unremitting kindness from the Wakefield families and a good deal of attention from those less nearly or not at all allied — They seem rejoiced to get home — and all very happy to see them — many called to greet them — Sister E. was here to see if I would ride — but my engagements were too pressing — Geo. G. Stanbank of Phila admin. to J. H. Hackhouse was also here and Judge Prescott called for a few minutes on me and Thomas in the A.M. — My Cousin Lydia Russell was also here whom I saw for a few minutes but the others had her chiefly — while I pursued my ordinary occupations —

4th. day 16th. had a short call from Amy Anthony from Providence who reported some improvement in Aunt Lydia's diseased eye — thought sufficient to permit her to use the other in reading — the visit was shortened by a call from H. Sheaman with reference to the East line of my West Lots — C. Staples having ascertained to day the amt. of irregularity of the division wall between it & the adjoining land of the heirs of Manasseh Kempton the wall

Owing to the eastward commencing from the north end of that which was formerly of the Russell farm, the extreme amount at the N. end of 100 — the South end begins to deviate to the west about 20 rod from the 30 ft. drift way — so as to be 2 ft. on my land at the line of said way — I had also a call from a man from the neighborhood of Boston who gave his name as Stearns to make some enquiry relative to the 2d mile on account of stock held by Veazie & Perkins — I gave my ideas of it — which were not very encouraging for any investment in the Stock of which he appeared to have been thinking — Jno Washburn who sailed Cooper of the Winslow in 1845 also was here, lately arrived in the B.K. Brahmin — He fully confirmed the elements of Simon, who had belied him in his state of his return to his intemperate habits — His appearance was that of better health than when he sailed which is confirmatory of the truth of his story — The time at my command was given to the St. mill dam 5th day 17 — Comm. J. R. Arnold sent her Sec. Comp. to me this forenoon — as it did not burn so well as the other — I examined it and thought it might take air to supply the expansion of the oil in burning — I settled the burner to its proper place on the tube and filled the circle of the bevel cup to make it fit less closely — refilled it with the same Sp. Gr. oil with which it came charged — and calculated the measure of the oil — Had a short call from Richard H. Dana but it was interrupted by a business call — Attended to my Corr. & the remr. of the day evening. the lamp in the evg. past my Cousins' it burned well, as the minutes will show so that I can attribute its failure — if it burned as well before — to the cause suggested — his Mama was in before dinner to bring his daughter and Granddaughter — and again in the evg to take them home, Sister Susan at Jamaica Plain — Sister E. was here with the Carriage, but I did not think it prudent to ride

6th day 18th made my Calculations relative to my Cousin S.R. Arnolds Lamp and wrote to her on the Subject had a call in the forenoon from Jos & William Wharton of Philadelphia — Sons of our cousins Deborah & Wm Wharton our children were with them on the passage from New York — they Dined with us to dinner — and after they made a Call at Jos Arnolds — Edwd went with them to see his grandmother — They are fine young men the worthy descendants of very worthy Parents — I devoted the rest of my time to St Mills business and in the ev had a call from A.G Mills in regard to the future operations or action with reference to the Sale now near at hand —

7th Day 19th occupied with my ordy Correspondence &c — looked over the papers in the afternoon. and had a mtg. of the Directors * of the St Mills Co on the business of the Concern —

1st day 20 after attending to my Lamp and some other details I had a call from Alanson Tucker — afterward from Br Andrew Andr — My reading was the book of Hosea — and the last of the Memoirs of Eliz. Fry which with the whole work is deeply interesting and can hardly fail to be read by any one with profit and a beautiful devotion to duty as in the sight of God exhibited in unremitted efforts for the Spiritual and temporal good of mankind — must fill a deep and hallowing response from every pure & Considerate mind — We had need of Conflict and anxiety — more we seem to be in harmony with — Created Correctness in doing her heavenly Fathers Will — which may perhaps be in part ascribed to the excessive attention which the cares of the Mtg. enjoin to the sensitiveness of the feelings and Spirits

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which often have their origin in Physical causes — Though it may have been necessary in the distinguished path in which she was call to preserve the Immunities which belong to the Sabbe institument in every good order. Edmund who went with Ch. Randall to F. Grinnells yesterday has not yet returned — The day I doubt has not been spent as the very remarkable Gurney family, whether Friends or not, Wilbur Thos. has fewer visitors than usual to day, and he spent part of the afternoon in my Room, while his mother & aunt were at C. W. Morgans to see sister S. & Eliz. who returned unexpectedly 6th day last

2d day 21st Again I have resumed my secular cares which press so heavily on my time & Spirits had a call from Jas. H. Kasson and his wife who are on a visit from St Louis their residence — He seems to have suffered in his appearance, the Climate not suiting so well as his native air a that of New-England. His wife I saw for the first time. They are an interesting Couple. I have always had a peculiar feeling towards Kasson — He being a young man of virtuous Character bred as I did in the Bosom of Religion — amiable disposition pleasing manner and good talents — In the afternoon I had a Call from Wm. Hadwin of Nantucket my Cousin Nathaniels Partner — who he informs me has recently had a painting fit — or seven stroke with

which may give his numerous friends concern. tho perhaps less from the fact that his father used to be so affected — he was pretty soon relieved vomiting hemorrhage supervened on his recovering from the Syncope — Wm & wife & party enjoyed highly their late visit to the Great exhibition in Hyde Park &c — and comes back as all I suppose must with exalted conceptions of England — & the business of his house, established about 25 years ago Providence has singularly prospered — and he shows a liberality of heart & character which — delights in blessing others & around them himself — Our daughters had Jos. Russells daughter & niece at tea &c — I enjoyed the vocal evidences of their enjoyment — while pursuing my anxious duties with some misgivings at the degradation for the last 2 weeks of my local infirmity

3d day 2d. Occupied in the morning with my ready & journal and with my lamps & Oil Vessels — afterward my correspondence took up my time had a call from Lydia Greene and late in the afternoon my dear aged mother came to see me with Sister Eliza, and staid to tea — She has as must be the case a good deal of the feebleness of age upon her, though bright and pleasant she had taken a long ride. The shadows of evg are closing around her as to this world, may the morning of Eternity open bright and blissful when the term of her days the-

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and Pilgrimage is ended. Rodney French and C.D. Brent were here in the afternoon on business.

4th day 23d — After my bible reading, journal & Lamps. had a call on business from R. French & C.D. Brent — attended to my business & Correspondence had a call in the afternoon from Caroline Hall nee Fleming. who is at Cousin Sarah's on a short visit from her mother my cousin Mary Emerson at Chelsea — I dont know that I have seen before since she was married to Robert Hare Son of the Professor of Phila. University — She is a noble looking woman nearly or quite as tall as my cousin Sarah who accompanied her & has blended the animated & pleasing expression & lineaments of her mother with a trace of the pleasing smile and intellectual cast of her father — It was a very pleasant call — but shortened by their going to see Thos. in his room — Gen. Hussey was here in the afternoon with my wife who went to see him, who is ill — but recovg.

5th day 24th After the morng. Mail &c I finished an article for the Mercury against Public Tenures — had an interview with C.D. Brent on business — and in the afternoon a call from Dr. Wm. who has been on a visit to his Children. My nieces children Wm & Jno. Wister were here — on a visit from Wakefield but I could see them but a few minutes —

6th day 25th Occupied chiefly with my correspondence on acct. of the St. Mile Co. had a visit from Wm & Father Wister and Eliz. morning and Dr. the latter still somewhat lame in the knee but the is permitted to move about a little and keep her foot on the floor — W. W. & Edm. Went to Pottsville late in the afternoon — A severe thunder Gust

came up about 11- which if it does not detain them there will cause them a very unpleasant ride

7th day 26th- Had a call from G. H. Tripp - who went to California 2 1/2 years ago and lately returned - he was left sick at Talcahuana by the Magnolia - and it seemed very doubtful whether he would recover, but he soon regained his health in Chili and came home in a whale ship - had calls on business from Wm Anthony & H. G. Snell - attended to my Cal.a Correspondence & looked over the Papers - the Rev. W. T. Snow is our guest this eve.g. he having come to supply Grace Church tomorrow - he is a very pleasant friend and pastor and the eve.g to a late hour

1st day 27th Read my bro.r Wm L. Fisher's book "Mental Phenomena" in which there is much that I like. the radical principle of Swedenborgianism is the foundation of the theory and when this is more fully recognized by Philosophers, and practically carried into the life and Conduct as the fundamental law of our moral nature - the world will be verging towards the millenial State foretold by Prophets and by Poets Seers" which is now generally looked for without instead of within - I read also the first half of the memoirs of the Rev. Benj.n Abbott of the Methodist Church - which is in strong Contrast with the ministration of the Elder Friends - - Ministers were here to tea - Mrs Snow with us all day except in the eve.g after Church at N. R. Rotch - Sisters before he returned -

2d day W. T. Snow left us this morning for his home our son Ed. went with his Cousins. the Misses Tripp & Mr Harvey to the Dumpling rocks L.H. to fish - the morning was uncommonly fine and auspicious but rain came on about 12 with some thunder which Contin.d at intervals most of the afternoon - they got well home & had a pleasant time - were here in the eve.g to tea Mr Anson Tucker and Ellen Mott

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were here – also R. Luscomb & A. Robeson on business in the evg. +

3d day 29th after my usual morng occupations attended to my business cares – & had a call in the afternoon from Thos. Riddell & my brothers Wm & Benj.n – and Thos. & Lewis was here in the evg – my wife had a letter from Caroline Davis nee Rosenburg – which I sent to Sister Sarah – Edw.d had a letter from Frank which adds to my already heavy & oppressive anxieties –

4th day 30th attended to my avocations & had a call from the Rev. E. H. Peabody who has been afflicted with a lame knee for about 3 months – but is now recovering, we have had occasional communications through friends, since he was disabled – The treatment of his case by D.r Jackson was similar to that recommended by D.r Hayward & Warren, relying chiefly on the general position of the limb to allow the recuperative powers of nature to restore the infirmity of his knee, as they do for the injury in ours – He has been with his wife spending some time at Nantucket – and is now on his return to Boston – We are much obliged to him for his friendly call which was very opportune in detaining J. Thos., & in satisfying him as I think perhaps it did a fact it would not have been prudent to yield to the solicitation of Geo Hussey & family to be at their bridal party for Wm.s wife & our other children, as he was strongly inclined to do – I wrote till a late hour waiting their return – Wm Rotch & Jno Wister were here before the party – and A. Robeson & H. Morgan made us a social call – Sister Edwin was also here, on her way to the Gathering & Lapsed –

5th day 31 — Engaged with my accounts — & as usual Thomas rode to see his grandmother, the first of this being off the premises for 13 months — Jos. Russell's daughters from Chic. were here to dine and went with our children to Cousin S.R. Arnold's party in the evg.

6th day 8 mo. 1 Occupied as usual till afternoon when I read in the Report of the Comr of the Patent Office on Agriculture — a document of great value and general interest, wrote a note to the Ed. of the Mercury Inquirer giving extracts from it and especially some of the Reasoning which shows the impolicy of Common Sewers as is now recommended by our Municipal Authorities — Had a call from H.C. Seelye in the evg. about the mill and Cotton man[illegible] — Thomas rode out again to call at his uncle William's & Geo. Hussey's — He was detained at the latter place till evg. The Col. Citizens had a Celebration of the

7th day 2d — Attended to usual recurring details had not much Specially to command my time, but feeling very anxious about my unprepared for liabilities of next week — read in the late Comr's Cat. report on Agriculture & looked over the Cultivator & Advertiser — Francis arrived from Springfield on business — The poor fellow has been sadly deceived by Tisdale in regard to his business — by which instead of an introduction to a moderate business — he has only saddled himself with his debtor to the loss of the Capital which his aunts & Grandmother furnished him with — So that here is another heavy item in the Catalogue of our Calamities — A. & M. Trefethen — and bro. Andw were here to tea — the former this evg. from Boston — He takes his wife & child with him on his return after tomorrow — the little girl was here with her yesterday — a sweet little child — She informed me that Mother had a Night Gown yesterday

from derangement of the Stomach, but is pretty well again to day

1st day 3d Finished the memoirs of the Rev. Benj. Abbott and began those of the Rev. C. Simeon — Characters which contrast most strongly — the first, a sincere but rough & storming Methodist the latter a refined talented Scholar & Clergyman of the Episcopal Church of the most devoted Piety — bro. Benj. was here and stopped to lunch — Bro. Wm was here in the afternoon — and conferred with him touching the unpleasant condition of Frank's affairs — as well as of my own — Mary Hunter was here also after Church Robert

2d. day 4th Had another conference with bro. William this morning touching Frs affairs; he went back in the afternoon train to put things in a better position and make a more definite statement — occupied in some Calculations respecting mang. &c — Lizzie Hussey was here and stays the night — She only of their family is apprised of the darkened prospects of Frank

3d day Engaged with my business & leisure in readg. the Com. of Patents ag.t Report — wrote to Fr. about his business — Wm Logan Foster 2d called here ar.d by Sea Boston from Wakefield — Mother seems to have been relieved by Sarah from the effects of her fall on 1st day last — She thinks a bone was displaced in the foot which he put right again — I am thankful that she is again so far recovering from the injuries must more alarming, her age considered than I had been led to fear which yet confine us — though I too am now, I think, again getting better

4th day 6 — Had a call from bro. Wm about Frank's affairs and my own — engaged otherwise with my

accot. — Our Nephew W. L. F. dined here — and was with our Children in eve. Thot at Mr. Russells to tea Sister Sarah & Charles were here in the evg.

5th day 7th — Occupied as usual — our children at O.H. Margaret to tea. Some rain in the evg. — fitted the Solar lamp from the fact. on the shaft of one of our Liv. Stan dards & tried it — it burned well Oil & wicks good & new

6th day 8th. put the lamp (No. 7) in order. with the Iron burner in place of the brass one — New wicks & pork oil (the last of the L. H. Co. 1849 being used) and Scraped & rinced strainer (in cod oil) to try in comparison with the Solar (No. 9) — had a confer- ence with bro. Wm. & Geo Hussey about my financial dis appointments & embarrassments which now press very heavily — Wm. Hussey & bride with the young people from his father & a few others were here to tea. — I saw Cornelia for the first time, she is a pleasant woman. — I saw little of them as I am stationary in the Library — I had a Call from Wm. T. Russell and talk about Light houses

7th day 9th Occupied at my desk as usual — in the evg. had a meeting of the Directors of the St. Mary mills Co. relative to the proposed Sale of the Establishment & the continuance of the running of the mills till the day of Sale — The mg. a little delayed by the thunder gust which was a tornado at the Stone bridge and Westport &c —

1st day 10th On rising found Francis had arrived in the Cars from Springfield via Roc. — he brought a more accurate Statement of his affairs which

shows it to be in a much worse condition than I had reason to expect — This unpleasant business from the necessity of Fs. return to morrow engrossed the day which I wd. gladly have devoted to more congenial duties — Geo. Hussey & E. M. Robinson also called on the equally unpleasant subject of the Steam mill — Bro. W. was in consultation with Fs in the afternoon — and I was till mid-night making statements to illustrate the state of the late firm — the losses of which and the defalcation of F's partner have — bro. H. into his slough, and the loss of all the money adv. the latter by his Aunts & Grandmother — Jany 11th — Sent for Nehemiah Leonard early this morning — and laid before him the state of the late F.ms affairs — and made a proposition for him to take the Br. Bk. Woollen Manf. Stock — the only property from Elisha, called at the time of the dissolution 4000 — but which F. finds has a market value of only 1650 — at par, in which event F. would go on and pay the debts of the concern by the sacrifice of all the money his friends had to and him — but Nehemiah though much disturbed at the state of things said his circumstances would not warrant his doing so — Francis went back at 10 A.M. expecting to stop Payment on Wednesday or the day after — after they had departed I had a call from Geo Hussey and Thos. C. Allen about the mill and A.G. F.s affairs — The latter being quite discouraged — but

a Sec.ᵉ Call from G.H. informed me that he (the good Genius of this Sated establishment) had ascertained Lunn
— Calls from Andᵉ & Benj.ᵉ relative to the St. John business, in which a fortune has been sunk, also M. Morgan and the wives of the two latter — and the attentions connected with the mission of A & B to see what a personal interview can effect a to appeal to an Equity Suit against C.C.S. fully occupied the rem.ᵉ of the day — may a Kind Providence look with compassion on our accumulated troubles, and in his good time bless us with relief from them — Otherwise may we be blessed with submissive Spirits and not relinquish our trust in his goodness & Mercy

3.ᵈ day 12.ᵗʰ Old probability that Andᵉ & Benj.ᵉ wᵈ leave this morning for St. John N.B. to see after my affairs with C.C.S. was strengthened by their having learned that the Steam boat left on yesterday for East port — of which conveyance they intended to avail — Their departure must therefore be deferred till 5.ᵗʰ day when the will leave on another trip — This giving me more time to provide them with the requisite knowledge on the subject. I commenced making copies of the correspondence which has passed between C.C.S & me on the points in dispute and continued it till the close of the eyes — Brᵗʰ Wᵐ was in in the afternoon to inform of his interview with S Leonard on Bro.ᵗʰ affairs, he reported a very friendly disposition on the part of S.L. towards Bro.ᵗʰ

4.ᵗʰ day 13.ᵗʰ — Continued my work in copying the Concerts which by noon all the time at my command and writing invite late I completed, to gether with a letter to them & to C.C.S about 12 — Brᵗʰ Andᵉ Benj.ᵉ & Wᵐ were in — the former more than once

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5th day 14th — My brothers left this A.M. for Boston Portland & Canada 21st John — to find such evidence as our early correspondence of the different views he must formerly have entertained of our relative positions — I concluded to review it during the earlier years of our connexion and devoted my time, at command to this and making extracts for reference from my own letters prior to seeking his remarks which Marie may be expected to call forth — bro: Wm & Spr Howland were here in the afternoon — I continued my work till eve

6th day 15th Occupied as yesterday — had a call from Sam Leonard — on Francis' affairs — He showed a very kind feeling for Frank — and censures his nephew severely — I endeavored to enlist his influence to induce N. Chemical to take the 8th and advance his paper for the $4000 — that all the debts might be paid — but he gave no encouragement of success if attempted — continued my writing till bed time

7th day 16th, continued my writing as I could command time — bro: Wm was here in the afternoon — On Fin. business — no means yet appear by which he can meet his engagements without the aid of N.L. of which there is little or no hope —

1st day, read chiefly in the memoirs of C. Simeon — and the bible till eve — When I looked over the papers of last week, which I was not able to read in order, the weather being a little rainy had no calls.

2d day finished the arrears of news of last week; and devoted myself to copying my early letters to C.C.S. — bro: Wm was in about Fin: affairs — had a call from N. Leonard abt. noon — endeavored to induce him to arrange with his bro: S. to take the Fac: 8th. at the Val: $4000. He did not give much encouragement — wrote to Fin —

3d. day 19th. – Contin. my copying parts of my letters to C C S
had a call from my bro. Wm & S. Leonard. on Firs. affairs –
– N. refused to take any risk of loss on the Stk – which ap-
peared to us very unreasonable –
4th. Day 20th wrote to Horatio to urge his father to join
his uncle in selling the Stock – Saw L. F. Brigham on
Firs. Affairs – Hor. declined using any influence on his
father to the end suggested, he being opposed to his doing as
I desired – contin. my extracts from the S. Jn. Cor.
Willie Angier. A & T. Roberson C. Morgan & S. Rod.
were here at tea, & had a pleasant time –
5th. day 21st. Contin. my extracts from my letters to C. C.
Stewart. as as could spare the time from my du-
ties of the day, Sat up late to wait the return of our
daughters who went to Belcombe this afternoon
with several of their young friends – Edw. having
gone to N. York on Firs' business this afternoon, was
not of the party – S Leon & bro. Wm. were here this Pm
6th. Day 22. Firs. left us this morn. to return to Spg
field. – A. Roberson returned the papers which he
took with him to S. Jn. – he has done but little by
the visit – but his unfavorable impression
of C. C. S is removed while mine is only confirmed
by what he states as have passed between them –
– occupied chiefly in looking over the accts. of the vessels
which he did bring & wch. he had before refused to send

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– though he sent only verbal messages or none at all though he made some proposition about a reference &c to be com.d by A.P. but no written or other answer to my late letters

7th day 23d. My attention chiefly given to C.C.S. and. & my own. with him – Geo. Harvey was here On St.y Mile business – all of my affairs are most unsatisfactory – looked over the papers in the e.g. which my close occupation prevented my doing as they were rec.d – Jos. S. Russell's daughters were here at tea – they return on 2d. day –

1st day 24th. My reading to day has been in the New Testament and the Memoirs of Lenion – a visit from my bro. Wm on Fin. affairs took part of the forenoon. and again in the afternoon – Ch. was also here towards e.g. – a part of which was necessarily devoted to writ.g. to Frank

2d. day 25th. Engaged with my private business in arrear from my devotion to the S. Jud. Correspondence – in order to turn all my available time to the St.y Mile business preparatory to the Sale this day week – Geo. Harvey was in and talked of Franks affairs

3d. day 26th devoted the forenoon to my private business & the afternoon the St.y Mile books &c had a Call before dinner from my fr.d Wm Mitchell the Nant. Astronomer – who gave me an acc.t of the late

tornado at East Cambridge the 3d inst — it cannot be was truly appalling — and though several persons were seriously injured no one was instantly killed, which is being remarkable — Eliz. Hussey was with the family to dine &c

4th. day 27th — Engaged in making a trial balance of the Steam mill Books — which came out right — brother Wm was here twice on my financial affairs — and A. Hodgson was here in the Evg. and talked of the Steam mill business

5th. day 28th. had a kind visit from my bro. Wm about my pecuniary affairs — Spent the day chiefly in making a State. of Acts on my Guaranty Paper with reference to the Guaranty Cont. to be ch. the St. mill & Bartlett was here in the afternoon to whom I reported my knee better though I abstained from all use of it — I brot on a little pain in raising the joint from its rest to give it a slight bend — but I did not inform him of it — it showed a sensitiveness which I was unprepared for — I told him my only application was cold bathing the limb night & morning — Our Girls on an excursion to Petompscott — Clambake &c —

6th. 29th. Occupied assiduously with my accts preparing for a State. of the Concerns of the St. mill Co. to the day the mill & Corporate property — it involves some tedious Calculations with reference to the Guaranty Cont. which I personally have been obliged to pay to enable me to sustain the credit of the company on our loosing business, bro. Wm was here in the

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afternoon — and Wm T. Russell called for a few minutes in the ev'g. to bring me a recently published list of the Lds & Hs houses of the U. S. — Sister E. was here and took Susan & Ellen to ride —

7th day 30th Occupied till ev'g. in preparing for a meeting of the Directors of the S. Ms. Co. — to decide on measures to be taken with reference to the Sale of the Mills — It involved very painful & embarrassing subjects and the members remained till quite late — Bro: Wm was here in the afternoon — Mr Son Edmd & his fd B. Smith arr'd this ev'g. from Newport — I had a visit from N. P. Brightman with the model lamp — & explained the alteration I wished made in the flat lamp to prepare it for a model, or an illustration of my ideas — to a professional lamp maker if I should be favored to get abroad again to see & confer with any of them — Mr Chace H. Sister R & Susan had another carriage to take them with some sweet flowers to place on our dear Mary's Grave — a pleasing duty which I used to delight to perform

1st day 31st Read in the Bible & Memoirs of C. Simeon. Bro: Wm Called in the afternoon & Geo Hussey was also here in relation to the Sale of the St Mills as advertised tomorrow — and I had to devote the ev'g. to preparation for the same in accordance with the proceedings of the Directors my last ev'g

2d. day 9 mo: 1 — Geo Hussey called in the morng. and to the Instructions to the Auctioneer Josiah B King — for his government at 11 A.M. — G. H. called at noon and informed that there was not a bid except the 20.000 ff. by A.G. Snell to start the movement — and it was knocked off to him at that — so that it now belongs to the four directors under their individual aspect. to hold in proportion to their annual previous interests — a surprising result — notwithstanding the present depression in the main business — what can now be done is a matter of anxiety — this Sale pays no debts which are now pressing upon us bro: Wm was in the afternoon — and Geo. Hussey in the eve — it was thought best to make an appeal to the influential men to try to organize a new Comp, on the Valuation of 75000 — and I was to make up a statement of what could be done — under present circumstances — A.G. Snell called on A.M. Howland to speak if he would be favorably disposed to promote it but he did not join a him to — A.G.S. informed me that by his experience the main of the goods cost him 2.88 ff yd or 2 1/2 per cent more than I had calculated — he is having a statement to morrow — this will prevent our making an inviting Statement.

3d. day 10 mo: A.G.S brot his statement which confirmed his representation of yesterday so that I deem it hopeless to organize a new Co even at less than 75 the cost

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there seems to be no hope therefore but to stop the works and sell it out in detail as soon as possible — H.G. Snell & Jos Bryant were here in the evg — and informed of an accident which stopped the Engine this afternoon — we talked till late on his and my pecuniary embarrassments, and — and concluded that he sh? call on E.M. Rob?n and see if he could be induced to take the Mill at a price that will cover the debts of the Coy. as now known

4th Day3 — H.G. Snell called and reported a short interview with E.M.R. but he did not find much encouragt · but he is to meet him again this evg with the best offer with the land & help below it — Bro. W. was in in the afternoon, and I consulted him on the subject, and he could not advise any better course than that we had proposed to pursue thought if the offer is accepted it will make my loss in the Mill 200.000 at least

5th day 4 H.G. Snell called and reported his interview with E. M. Robinson last evg — he had a protracted interview but without any definite results, he S? he must have the Mill examined &c. but left it unsettled, we having the right to do better if we could — H.G.S. much distressed at his financial position — agreed to have a meet? of the Directors of the Coy. to see what sh? be done if anything for him under the Obligations of the old Company — Bro? W? called again Frank Emmele was

here at tea — having spent the afternoon with Thomas, — I joined them at the meal — my knee appearing to improve under the Cold water treatment — viz the application of a cloth dipped in Ice water in the morng. and a general bathing of the limb & foot with the wet cold towel — and rubbing dry with gentle friction, and enveloping the knee afterward in some folds of cotton cloth — and then a general application of the cold towel to all parts of the body —

6th day 5th attended to my current concerns, taking my meals with the family and giving some further instructions about my lamps now in the hands the tinman for the trial alterations — made calculations for generalizing my lamp experiments — for the last few weeks in the evg —

7th day 6th — Woke early and meditated on the embarrassments that surround me and the St. Mill Cotton Co. — with ardent desires for the best direction in my many difficulties — The idea which had been suggested of converting it into a flour mill occurred forcibly — in connection with the original — and subsequently — collateral design — of the building and its locality — neither of which could be more favorable — the whole arrangement being on the best plan for such a purpose — on visiting I wrote to Dighton Perry. who has a practical knowledge of the business — Had an interview with G. Hussey — and L. F. Brigham relative to the conveyance of the Mill & corporate property & premises — Our Son Francis arrived this evg. 10½ P.M. from Springfield — a failure of one of their debtors in N. York diminishing the Co. assets $600 — which adds to his previous embarrassments.

D. Perry called in the afternoon and I had a long conversation relative to the Sale of the Cotton Mill

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Machinery at the South, in which part of the Union he has two Cotton Mills — the 1st & the 2d. I believe which have been erected in that State, where there now are 47 — He thought it might be done to good advantage — and promised to aid me by writg. to his Bro.r in Law Gov.r Swift — whose address he gave me and recommended my writg. to him also — He had also a very good opinion of the milling business for this place in the mill premises — and spoke with much confidence of the feasibility of forming a Co.y with the requisite Capital for carrying it on — In the evg. the meetg. of the Directors of the Cotton mills met in their private Capacity. T.G. Allen excepted — with whom and the conversation which I had with D.P. was reported and the subjects discussed — with the conclusion to have further Conv.n with D.P. and to try to get him to take the agency — and make ready for operating as soon as the Machinery can be got rid of. and one of the buildings by a Sale at the South — for which purpose — in addition to endeavors by G.P.S & others who may be written to. — it was thot. it might be expedient to send M.G. Smith thro' that Section of Country the Comg winter — whose general & minute knowledge of the subject — with the tender of his services, if required, in planning & building & arranging & starting the machy — might very much facilitate the success of his mission. —

finished my letter to G.P.S. after they retired — E.H.'s Children were here in the evg

1st Day 7th. Read in the bible and the Memoirs of C. Simeon — had a call from Thos. R. Fisher my nephew who arr'd with his wife & daughter this afternoon from Phil.a via Fall River when they were 8 or 9 hours on the route from the latter place 7 hours at Mystics I went into Thos.' Room to have more of his company Brother Benj.n was also here — as were some of Thos. young friends — also had a call from A. G. Smith esq.r

2d day 8th Engaged Chiefly in looking out my letters from C. C. Stewart preparatory to an examination of their Contents for the past 20 years. My Cousin S. R. Atwood sent the last lamp that I had fitted for her to find the cause of its unsatisfactory performance — I tried it as it came and found it rather difficult to regulate the Combustion, and produce a steady light of the required intensity — Owing as I have before become convinced to the too large diameter of the base of the Glass with reference to the reduced diameter of the head of the burner in this lamp. which permits a large Volume of air to pass through the Chimney without passing into the flame a current of burning Vapor — I therefore applied one of the first 3 Glasses which were contrary to my instructions were made tapering 1 3/4 to 1 1/2 int.l diam.r as the diff.t Each — and result was very satisfactory — The light more brilliant than any I have yet made of equal Volume

Had a call from A. G. Smith & Letitia Fisher & daughter

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23. day 7th Contin.d my selection of the Letters from my files - rec.d from C. C. Stewart, gave direction to J. Wood for an Extinguisher for the Lard & S.R.A to suit the new form Glass, which will not admit of passing it through the Chimney

24. day 10 occupied about my letters &c had a visit at tea from Thos. & Let.a Fessent daughter - and a call from Bro. Wm. on Fri.d affairs &c from D.R Perry & A.G. Sulle in the eve.g on Mills matters - The young folks went to the Germania Concert - Sent home S.R.A's lamp

25. day 11 occupied at my desk as usual - had calls of leave from Letitia & her daughter - Sister P. & two or three of the Children accomp.d the former to J. Arnolds Garden - and called at the house the Fam.y being from home - I rode to the Mill & had conv.n with many of my friends there

26. day 12 Engaged in reviewing the Cor respondence with A.H. Mason &c relative to the Spoolers which they now refuse as they have hitherto neglected to fulfil their Guaranty -

27. day 13 finished Extracts from the Correspondence with Mason &c - - had a call in the morning from Bro.s Wm & Geo. Hartley. On fin.l affairs &c - A.G. Sulle here in the eve.g which retarded my writing in my books - talked about the appropriation of the S.M. bonds &c machinery &c - It is a time of great anxiety and embarrassment with them as well as with

1. 11th day 14th. Read in the bible & the memoirs of C. Simeon — a blessed pause in the harassing cares which oppress me through the week — glanced over the papers which I was unable to look at in regular course — had a short call from Charles Fisher and C. W. Morgan. — tried my hot oil lamp — with good promise though some small improvements are required —

2. day 15 — wrote to N. P. Brigham relative to the hot oil lamp and the small points to be altered — had a call from D. P. Perry relative to the mill &c. — bro. Wm & sister Ellen at same time —

3. day 16th. Had Mary Russell & Chs Randall at tea with corn puddings — A. G. Hull called and spent most of the eve. in talking on our mill matters — had a call from bro. Wm about a loan to enable me to pay the debt due the heirs of the late Sim. Stanwood — which he opportunely took means to apply for through Edmund Gardner — A. Robeson was here in relation to the Pa

6th. 17th. My anxious financial fears engrossed a part of the day — and in the afternoon rode in mother's to attend to a few items of business, and then returned to take short ride to bro. Benj. had a pleasant visit to sister Susan — B. has gone to day to Fall River — stopped & made mother a call on our return — She seems more feeble than I have seen her but very pleasant — Ed. Gardner called with an affirmative report about the loan

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5th. day — Pecuniary troubles have an unsettling effect on the family — Jackson's announcement of his intention to go to California — is an added trial — which weigh heavily on the various members of the family — may a kind Providence who watches over the infinity of his Heavenly creation compassionate our distresses & send aid — or if this in his Divine wisdom is not to be Oh. may he grant his abounding grace to enable us to submit with resignation to the allotments which he sees (though we cannot) to be best for us — and that we may not miss of those blessed fruits of the Spirit which are often best matured under the pressure of adversity — Bro. Benj: was here to day — he goes to Boston this day — and will therefore be somewhere of the 9th. and Race Road Festival &c. is honored by the presence of the Pres. &c &c — Weather Cool & fair mild —

6th. day 10 — Had a call from Capt Gardner about a negociation for a loan — I called on him this afternoon and took him to see the man Capt Sanford Weldon near Amstead Village — from whom the money is to come. leg at home. My Sarah was here on the 8th. a enterprise to retrieve our affairs which looks very eligible — Had the Stove Grate put in order to day by Chas Frances, by point of exp. the joints or junctions of the Lining — and Co. Mr. Carriage for any advice —

7th. day 20th Capt. Gardner & Capt. Sanford Weldon called on

me soon after 4 O'Clk — and the loan referred to in my Mem.: of yesterday accomplished to the am.: required to Cancel the St.: Mills Co.'s note to the late Sec.: Stockwell $2000 & Int. now due $240 — as per Entry in my books of acct.: The business however was rather late for the Steamboat by which the Rem.: was to be remitted — The absence of the necessary aid to make up for my disappointment in bank Dis.: asked for to day (& repelled me to omit the Pay.: of a Dft. on my Bro.: Wm. falls. due to day — is my great Chagrin — I wrote to H. R in the afternoon and he called on me about it, and saw the Cash.: though he did not as I expected make the Pay.: after 3 hours — looked over the report of the 1st. day's proceedings in Boston — on the R.R. Celebration — and attended to my private business & Correspondence in the ev.g

1st. Day 21 Read in the bible — & finished the Memoirs of C. Simeon — no calls on me to day — my brothers all absent from Town — looked a little into the the last No.: of the Advocate for Peace, giving an acct.: of the late Peace Convention in London

2d. day 22. Anxiously occupied by my financial arrangements — H. Rogers called in the afternoon to aid me, but I made out by dint of to get to the Bank to meet my payments due & deferred — rode with Mrs. Chen H. in the afternoon to the Almshouse &c in Mothers Carriage — Sister E. is quite ill with a cold as is also Sister Phebe — Mrs. Chen H. made a call on Mother & Eliza on return from our ride — Ed.d Lee at a Concert this ev.g little Nell Detained by a co

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3d. day 23. Occupied as usual with my daily business cam rode in the afternoon by my Kempton St. Lots and Called at the factory on my return —

4th day 24th. — Disappointed again at the Banks. had a call from my bro. Wm. to whom I explained my embarrassment — a short Call from A.G. Sulle Eliz. Harry was here at tea &c — & Henry Johnson lately returned from France was with Thos. till a late hour

5th. day 25th. again disappointed by the State of the money market — which adds to the gloom of the future — busy with my accounts

6th. day 26th. The same depressing feelings are still my portion the horizon seems contracting around me — A.G. Sulle was here who feels the pressure of his own embarrassments with equal force — and has equally gloomy forebodings for the future

7th. day 27 engaged with the letters of C.C. Stout in the early period of our unfortunate St. John adventure — to see if there was any trace of the construction which he now puts on the agreement for the business — so preposterous in my view — have we found none

1st day 28 — Read in the bible and looked over some of the old papers and other papers which I was unable to read in course — had a call by request from E.M. Robinson in relation to the increasingly embarrassing condition of my affairs owing to the stringency of the money market —

2d. day 29th. As I cannot see the parties to my accom. paper myself I wrote to C.W. Benson requesting him to see J. A Parker & others of the Directors of other Banks hoping that some arrangt. might be made for carrying my accom. at these institutions —

3d. day 30th. Occupied in looking over and making extracts from

the letters of James Stewart who originated the unfortunate St. John Speculation — C. N. R. was in and gave an encouraging acct. of my papers with the Bank Directors —
4th. day 9 Mo: 1 — Occupied as heretofore with the correspondence relating to the St. Jno. affair — Had a call from Mr. Russell in relation to my L House Exhibt. at Clarks point and got his permission for one or two lamps provided I could make Henry Smith the keeper willing to attend them — Cousin S. P. Arnold was here but I did not see her — She reported favorably of the Bishop & the Extinguisher —
5th. day 2d. Took a ride afternoon to the L. House in Mr. Smith's Carriage — Geo Hussey & wife with Stacy Collins & wife were riding in the same direction and We stopped & had a little conv. at the point my object was to see Mr Smith and gain his assent to a trial of my lamp in the L. H. — by first making an experiment of its action in his own house — to this he agreed
6th. day 3d — Our friends Stacy Collins & wife called and afterward a gentleman Mr. Sanford & his mother from Milledgeville Ga — whose acquaintance our son Edmund made in Boston. They seem like very genteel people — of prepossessing manners —
7th. day 4th Went to the L. House in the afternoon with Ma chere tt. to take my experimental L H. lamp for the trial of the keeper in his house — got there about sunset, and fitted the strainer wicks &c and left between 6 & 7 — the family as well as the keeper seemed well disposed to make trial of it — our daughters had a few of their young acquaintances to tea — G. Hussey was here in the ev. as were Mr & Mrs. C. Allen before I got home
1st day 5th Read in the Bible & relig. periodicals — had a visit from bro. Wm & Thos. H. Greene in the ev. had a call from C. N. Morgan, and a note from E. M. Robinson on Bank matters very important to me under present circumstances, wrote a note to J. Arnold on the subject in the late hour of the ev.

2d. day 6th. Had a friendly Call from Geo Hussey relative mill project &c he my bro: Wm. was also in — took a walk on my Crutches to see my mother Rachel H. accompanying me — I have been several times before round the Square — in the afternoon rode with my sisters Eliza & Phebe, and I made a call at D.P. Perry's to consult him on mill matters — called afterward at the Asst. & C.S. H's

3d. day 7th — walked again to see my mother at C.W. Morgans — my dr Ellen accompanying me — in the afternoon walked again as far as my bro: Wms — to consult him on my affairs and on the subject of S. Leonards visit to me lost eve. arising from the disappointment in our bro's announcement that he sh'd not be able to take up S's Acc't as promised — which is very annoying to him, and I feel great regret that he should be thus disappointed after his very friendly conduct towards F. in his troubles — in which S.L. was considerably implicated — F. feels also very badly about it

4th day 8th Had a very trying morning with reference to our embarrassed and very trying situation in pecuniary matters — walked to dr mother & after noon walked to Tabers bookstore & took a Carriage to Call on D.P. Perry on the Southern project for our mill — in which we have concluded to interest him & his partner, his bro: G.P. Swift, formerly of Fairhaven — had a call in the eve. from E.C. Jones & bro: Andr — the former on my pecuniary condition in which he is implicated

5th day 9th Occupied by my financial concerns — wrote a note to my Cousin Jas Arnold with reference to the proposed arrangt on the N.B.R.R. —

6th day 10th Had several conferences with N.G. Snell on the Southern mission and the liabilities wch must be assumed by the present owners of the mill & property — lately bot. of the N.B.S.M. Co. Had a visit from N.W. Ware and to settle the accts relative to the sale of the B.V. Mill

7th day 11. wrote a letter to G.P. Swift relative to the removal of

our Cotton market South and intended to submit it to Dll. Perry previous to despatching it, but he being absent, I had to forward it unseen by him or lose the mail — had calls from Wm & he sent his Carr.e to take me to D.R.P. —
7th. day 11th. Had much anxiety about rent &c. my Paper due to day — sent a note to J. Arnold about it and afterward (he being absent) to T.S. Hathaway — but nothing was accomplished. Capt Delano being absent he could not be apprised of the trouble his own paper being to day due — but by Son Edm.d managed by using the funds of his house to take it up — Engaged in the afternoon & eve. the 3d. mile Coiars which are more unfavorable as to prices than almost ever before
1st day 12th Rose very early to get on with the work which I commenced yesterday — read in the Bible & religious & Secular Periodicals to keep up a little with the Current intelligence — Had a Call from Wm.P. Robeson & his wife have been a few days at her fathers
2d. day 13th Rose early — and sent for J. Arnold to call on me before he went to the bank — Jo.h. Delano also called a few minutes — Explained to J.A. my disappointment on 7th. day — He called after the Mg of the Bk. Directors — and gave me their ultimatum in regard to the discd. of my Guaranteed paper. which proposed a change of this paper now at that & the other Bks. for other at 12 mos. from this date — a very trying requisition. but better than the alternative, as it now seems of a present Catastrophe — I went twice to C.H. Morgans — and had Calls from Brs. Wm. D.R. Perry & Br. Charles — a day great anxiety and tribulation. — May a kind Providence open a vista thro the heavy clouds which surround us and our dear Children — and in the mean time grant us that inward support which may enable us to bear up under our heavy Calamities. — D.R.P. hopes soon less sanguine than I have heretofore supposed the Georgia plan

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3d day 14th – I prepared another proposition similar to those before put into C.W. Morgan's hands for the Merchants & Marine Banks – for the consideration of the Mechanics bank at the meet'g. of the board tomorrow – like that dictated by the N.C. Bank – bro: Wm. & Chs. were here – I believe lost many articles under the very distressing state of my affairs have ref. to the postponem't. of the mem: till 1st day the 19th – so that I am not sure as to dates – my bro: Wm has been ever ready to give me his aid & counsel in these trying times – J. Arnold made a friendly call and talked about the Bellevue house – he informed me that he was going to N. York and sh. not be able to be the recipient of any com'n. to the B.C.B., but intimated that I had better not attempt to get any change in the conditions prescribed for the accom'n. though personally sh. have been willing to have had them more according to my wishes

4th day 15th – Occupied with the disheartening reports of the agents for the Sale of our Goods – they have acted most unwisely in holding them so long and then selling them at the most depressed point of the market – C.W. Morgan called and made a report of the favorable disposition of Th.s Mandell Pres't. of the Mechanics Bank to aid me at that institution as heretofore but repelling the dictation which the B.C.B. seemed inclined to make to them as well as to me – busily occupied in the a.m in devising a plan for complying with the requisitions of the B.C.B. a work of some perplexity

5th day 16th Rose very early and sent messages to the three individuals whom the B.C.B. had designated as the acceptors of the Paper to be dis'd. for 2 mon. at their request – their early compliance with their wishes of the Bank and with Statements explaining how they would be guaranteed for their duplicate liabilities – E.C. Jones & J.C. Delano called about 8 Bells, but they were

fearful of trouble or loss in complying with my views to enable me to meet the conditions of the B.C. Bank – and the former was obliged to leave before they had made up their minds to do it – J.C.D. remained till my brother Wm the 3. of the Solicitor guarantors, came in when he made it easy for the latter – and thus secured the compliance of E.C.J. he agreed to what J.C.D. had done – This brot. it after the hour for the Bank Directors meeting – but as the terms given were complied with they brot the papers to dinner to Chs – who wd probably be able to carry the business into effect – This was an anxious morning – and I heard nothing more of it through the day – had a Calle from H.G. Snell, on the Mill business and his mission to Georgia – which is a subject of pressure to him as well as to me – our Coadjutors being unable, or unwilling from other engagements to give decided & efficient aid – Upon Wed the business of analysing the assets &c

6th day 17 – Brs Wm called this morg – by request as I had not heard how the business of yesterday was got through with – he reported favorably but this is strange that Chs had not advised me of it – he took the other Paper to take to him to prepare for redeeming the Paper for which I was not ready yesterday by paying it at the Mercts Maritime Bank – He was rather late – and had to go in haste – had a Calle from H.G. Snell of Chatham in the forenoon – I gave him the papers &c wch I had ready for him – and wrote to G. Hurley to

get the testimonial for him expected from the Merchants Bank — and prepared one in his favor to be signed by others — G. H. called on his way to dinner with the papers partially completed — and I despatched them by J. Harper to get the ladies signatures and deliver them to A. G. L. — Mother was here to tea & sister Eliza & O. N. Morgan came in the ev'g to give a report of his doings at the Banks in my behalf — My dear mother made us a pleasant visit but she seemed very much exhausted in coming from the Carriage to the house

yesterday 18th Brother Wm was in — he leav's for Boston to-day to fetch his Children. Sam'l have arr'd. from England to-day — Wm C. Swan of Providence was also here — and I availed of the occasion to get him to procure a letter from Orry Taft to Mr Reddleford of Savannah, and send it to him in Georgia — Continue my work on the disheartening Sales from the agents of the T. M. Co's — Mr Chase & who has with the other members of the family gratefully declined at the sad state of my affairs this week is now suffering under a severe cold

11th day 19th Passed the day and Eve chiefly in the parlor with the family not having any fire in the library — my knee being so much better that I can move about considerably with my crutches without injury read in the bible the S. S. Journal, and the advocate of Peace — Bro. B. was in. and Miss E. Mary Russell & her daughter in the after

2. day 20th Occupied with my financial arrangts. & the adv.ts of the St. Mills Coyle Sister Elvira and Eo Hendley were here — Mrs Chew & much oppressed with her cold as well as depressed with the unfortunate State of our affairs Edwd Ellen went to Patonpsko in the afternn & returned abt. Noon tonight

3. day 21st Engaged throughout the day with my writing &c made out the papers for the proposed Sale of a lot of land to John Gunn. Mr Brigham was here in relation to the Ellen mill transfer and bro: Wm. who returned this morg from a visit to his Children in Boston &c. Sam.l having arr.d on 6th. day from Europe — was in towards evg. to see what was the present State of my affairs — Sister Elvira was also in — I walked before breakfast a square or two — making an errand on my way — my knee is slowly regaining its healthy State — Mrs Chew & most of the day above Stairs — quite ill with her cold & mental distress at the Sad State of things, Sue & Ellen walked to their Uncle Benj.ns but meeting them at the gate in their Carriage — they joined them in their ride —

4th. day 22d Occupied with my auction affairs. bro: Wm was here in the afternoon to give me the benefit of his Counsel — Sister E. was in — and Eo Hendley in relation to Storm mill payments for which we are unprepared — made some investigation with reference to the division of our land on into House Lots to reduce the indebtedness for which it is pledged —

5th. day 23d - Continued my examination into the course most proper to be adopted — and had a conference with my dear wife & Son Thos who are both much distressed at the prospect before — Oh that a kind Providence wd. stay the threatened Calamity — At work on my Acct. and towards evg went in Mothers Carriage to the Point & H. Mrs. Smith reports very Satisfactorily of the Camp

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6th. day 24th. Occupied at my desk chiefly with my Cash and Conversed by the Bank to ascertain things through agencies which have imperfectly reported the doings — had a call from bro. Wm — also from Wm T Russell — who brot me an account of Bennetts L.H. Lamp — which I think is not of any special importance — Mary Russell was here at tea & the young men Geo Hussey's Son & Chs. Russell in the evg —

7th. day 25th. My financial concerns troubled me on receiving the conditions on which the Marine Bank proposed to accommodate me with Discts of my Guaranteed paper attended to the Stpl Correspondence in the afternoon & evg had a call from bro Wm in the afternoon & from C Hill in the evg about my affairs — John Briggs of Middleborough who lived a few months in my family about 25 years ago was here in the forenoon — he comes from the neighborhood of our Sweet Anna — and brot a pleasant report from her & family — Our daughters & Edm. attended the 1st of Dr. Perry's Lowell Lectures —

1 day 26th. read in Edw Kabel's Memoirs chiefly left my room and sat in the Parlor; having no fire on this day in the former — had calls from Lindley Fisher And. & this bro. Jon. who who came with him from Phila also F.A. Wild — L.F. was here to tea —

2. day 27 my brothers absent at the Mtg mtg. of the Pocasset Coy — a day of trial in my pecuniary matters — Thos went to the whig mtg. this evg — T.P. Eliot made me a friendly Call on his way thither — fitted a copper vessel to 3o. day 28th Engaged with my business, called at Chs. in Jos. attending with the bulb of my thermometer wett'g. breakfast — and saw my dear mother who was very pleasant and bright — afternoon wrote from my Stpl Correspondence in the parlor our niece E. Fisher with us at tea — bro. Chs. called to attend her home — F.A. Wild & A Robeson were here before dinner. Thos. Susan & Ellen & Eliza Swift & Harriet arrived from N. Port ed tea —

4th. day 29th. After breakfast went to see my sister Eliza and Jos. Arnold on business of the Estate — he was out

but I had a pleasant Call from cousin S. E. H. — the rem: of the day chiefly at the correspondence with C. C. Stewt — bro Wm was here towards dusk — Thos. at A. Gus Carrells to tea with the Girls in the e.g. who one or both was at G. Hussey's to tea

5th day 30th Occupied most of the day with my St. Jno. Correspondence — also the e.g. — had some of my lamp fixtures bro: from the Lamplighter's Shop — where they were left by the L.H. keeper at Palmers Island — Thos. at Geo. Hussey's to tea — Lydia Greene was here Aftn: but I did not see her —

6th day 31st Spent most of the forenoon about my lamps preparing for & making some slight alterations in a lamp to be sent to my niece Sarah Wister — had calls afternoon from T. C. Allen & Geo. Hussey as directors of the St. Co: — Mile Co: — for a mg. of the Board — also a call from D. R. Perry & my bro: William — Jno. Bryant was here in the forenoon from Jno. Bryant who informed me of the news from A. G. Seull of his safe arrival at Waynesville Georgia — though not without some peril from the rem: away of the Creek with himself & the division which he had procured for the last stage of this journey to that place

7th day 1st mo: 1 Spent the day chiefly about my lamps & Oil vessels fitting one original night lantern lamp for use with R. W. Oil — which was a tedious job after probably 15 yrs. disuse — when it was left in an unclean state — had my wood house prepared for receiving my winters supply of Coal had calls from Col. Paxson and bro: Thos. & his bro: Jno. — Rev. Wm Horton was also here and our niece E. Fisher was here before tea — Rachel H & Lilly went to see my dear sister this e.g. She had a turn of faintness this morng. which was alarming — She got over it however and seemed pretty comfortable afterwards as she did this e.g. Chas Sarah were at the Asylum

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and he is quite willing to try one in the L House as soon as I will furnish him with one adapted to the Chandelier – Staid there some time and showed him the advantage of the Contracted, or tapering form of the Chimney – called at Wood Bridge &c. on my way – and Send Chl. to put up the Carriage &c. not seeing the member whose ingenuity has been so much to my aid. I went to my cottages to A. Robertsons and took Supper (after their meal) and then returned to the Shop. Saw A Bristol – & then came home – My family, a little uneasy at my long absence

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1st. Day 11/2 Read in the bible & the Memoirs of Edw.d Stabler – looked over the news of the last day or two – called to see mother in the forenoon – found her feeble but pretty comfortable – near the close of the eve.g I went to see Jer.h Hussey & Com.y to whom the intelligence of their money from A.G. Snelle at Waynesville upon Ch. Georgia – Our daughters & Sister Phebe confined at home with their Colds –

2d. day 11/3. Engaged to some extent with my lawsuit & the examination of one of my Sister Sarahs which has not performed to their Satisfaction for a few evgs: removed the cotton flannel Strainer, which appeared on trial to filtrate the Oil too slowly to supply the combustion – replaced it with woollen flannell – bro. Wm was here towards evg. – Our daughters detained from D.r Dewey's lecture by their Colds –

3d. day 4th had a call at noon from Geo. Hussey on St.d business – occupied chiefly with my St. John Correspondence in past years – in the evg went to C.H. Morgans to see my dear mother who was quite feeble yesterday & this morng – so as to have D.r Patch to day – but the eve

comfortable & pleasant in the afternoon & eve — Mrs Cheever H. was there in the afternoon — My object was in part to see and try again to remedy the defects of my sisters' lamp, but it appeared to do very well — so that it was not necessary as I proposed to change the wick which appeared in good condition though a couple of weeks in use — called at Dr Ward's in my return to consult him about my teeth — found that my nephew A. Roberson Jr. had been here, who reported his kind attention in giving A.G. Smith letters to more than the individual to whom I asked one for him —

4th day 5th Occupied by the P.M. correspondence Among the day E. F. Fisher called — She went this afternoon to Jam.ca plain — L.F. Brigham was here also to take acknowledgt. of the conveyance of the St. Croix property — Br. Wm was here toward night

5th day 6th Continued my review of C.C. Stewart's letter Gov Hussey was here twice in St. Croix affairs, also Br. Wm — Our Elcha had some of her female friends visiting yesterday afternoon & eve — and Jno. Adams was here to tea Wed. in the eve — Edw. this eve. at Jno. A. Corbin's great party all the rest of us were invited but none of the others were able from health &c to attend.

6th day 7th Occupied variously at the desk about some family concerns. Had D.R.P. open to put up the double windows — Recd. required some arrangts. for my weather roof Br. Hoyt visited by the Rev. Mr. Damon Chaplain of the Seamens Friend Society at Honolulu & Sandwich with a call to ward eve — He was here 10 years ago, when he was preparing to go out & he has been since laboring with Zeal and success

at thus stopping place on the highway of nations
He expects shortly to resume his labors in the same
field — he gave a favorable acct. of D.r Hardy &
his prospects — Our Edr. has an entertainment for
his friends this eve — made some appropr. of 10 t. of fuel for my use
7.th Day 8.th Occupied with my S. Jn.l Correspondence
reviewing & making extracts with reference to probable
legal controversy with C. C Stewart — contem my experi-
ments on fuel
1.st Day 9.th Read in the bible & Wks.s of Edw.d Stabler
and took back the book to my mother in the after-
noon — and had a pleasant call She seems bright &
comfortable — called on my return to see our elderly neigh-
bor Abigail Howland and had a pleasant interview
with her — her son Weston only there at the time
2.d day 10.th — Engaged with my final Experiments to-day
& — had a call from D.r Pr. Christman about the small pox
which he has had to contend with in hand — went to the polls
to cast my vote for State officers & against the loco-
foco conspiracy against the Constitution — rem.r of
the day at my S. Jn.s Correspondence which I finished
3.d day 11.th had a long call from Harrison McGoon in
the forenoon — and attended to my Acct Books the
remainder of the day except some time with Sybil Robeson
& the family — who took tea with us — Edw.d Officer
last eve.g as Groomsman to Chas Randall who was mar-
ried to Sarah Perry by Mr.s Dewey — and this morn.g
he set off for New York with Dr. Whitridge & his daugh-
ter to perform a similar office for John Whitridge
Bro.r Wm & Charles were here towards eve.g I gotten
a Solar lamp by fitting a similar shade frame to

compare it with our high Solar with the Cap removed and my Chimney adjustment Substituted
4th day 12th Occupied with my fuel & lamp Experiments - in the morng. and then applied myself to my Ans. & Correspondence - latter part of the evg. called at A. Robesons to see his bro. John H - Mrs. there has Symptoms of Erysipelas which induced us to call in Dr. Spooner - as a precaution - Ellen & the other Children at C Hill have gone this afternoon or evg. - the former will remain there all night on acct. of her cold -
5th day 13th Occupied Chiefly in my generalizing Calculations of my lamp experiments - the elements of which have been some time recorded - I am now making some comparisons of the Common Solar lamp and one of the same kind - with the Chimney & deflector removed and my Chimney Substituted
6th day 14th Occupied with my financial arrangements - and bringing up my books - our daughters Lizzie & Edw. Hatfield's party for C. Randell & wife Sister & Thomas at Sybil Robesons to tea - They expected Newmans Car & to take them home from the latter place supposing that Sister Eliza would be there - but they were disappointed and had to stay all night - I made some unsuccessful attempts to send a carriage for them -
7th day 15th busied about my fuel Experts and lamps in the morng - afterwards to my Office business - had a call in the afternoon from G. Estes whom I tried to convince of some of his wrong notions on the "Spelling question" & gave him Mr. Peabody's article in the N. A. Review to read - afterwards pasted my letters and wrote others in the evg. - Thos. & Lee. at Mr. Dewey's lecture

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1st day 16th. My maid has been in the Bible and Merle D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation — called to see mother in the afternoon & went in the Evg. to hear D. Dewey who gave us a good Sermon on Patience — Our niece Eliz. Fisher called & took tea — returned & to be with her Grandmother when we went to Ch.d Geo. Hussey broth.r Benj.a Ch.s & sister E. were here — & Sybil Robeson & her bro.r Henry called after Ch.d in the Evg.

2. day 17th. Occupied Mg. with my Jour. Lambs &c about 11 walked to R. Luscombs & D.r Richmond & Co.s Wood Brighton &c — where I was detained & was not to get home till 2 h — Eliz.a Hussey dined with us — & bro.r Wm. called in the afternoon — our children went to Eben Perry's Party for Ch.s Randall & wife except Rob.t who went to D.r Dewey's lecture —

3.d day 18th. Occupied as usual in the forenoon — in the afternoon by previous arrangement went to the Point Light House — in mothers carriage — taking in Rich.d Luscomb at the Smoking Rocks who — when he had landed the Ice from the Island L. H. which was taken thence with Hiram's horse & wagon to the Point — R. fitted it in the Cellar for the Keepers convenience — and got back about Sunset — I stopped at Wood Brighton's & a few minutes without getting anything — Jon.a & M. Roberts called

4th day 19th Eliz.a Fisher dined with us, as a leave taking visit — She expects to start for home on 6th day Mg. — I was busy at my desk &c

5th day — Engaged in my Sedentary occupations — and the anxieties of my position — bro.r Wm was in — and we conversed about the discouraging Buffalo news & the not encouraging account from Mr. Snell as to getting the Cooperation of Southern Capital to remove our mill to Gois on the Splendid water privilege which can be had on such very favorable terms — There is a Party at Sister Sarah's in Commemoration (by anticipation on acc.t of Wm.s Children being here from Boston) of mothers 94th Birth day anniversary — Ma Chen &c & I are not in Spirits to be present — I went to Brighton's about 5 Visited Camp & fitted it for her use

to be sent by E Fisher; Edw.d & his sisters came from C.H. to attend the bridal party at Gideon Allens
6th day 21st Engaged in writing about our mill property and my lamps — had a Call from D.B. Perry on the way from Georgia — S.W. Rodman was here in the afternoon and Hazel to tea — going away soon after he was very entertaining on the subjects suggested by his late European tour
Our children went to a party for C. Randall & wife at W.m Bakers — where S.W.R. was also invited — the day being stormy E. Fisher did not go as proposed —
7th day 22 — Engaged at my usual occupations bringing up my ledger &c bro.t Wm was here in the afternoon — Edw.d Winslow called in the eve.g — & E Fisher
1st day I was at home till eve.g — had a Call from my nephew Alfred Rodman — after tea I went with Ma chere & to see mother — and afterwards I went to A Robesons to see his bro.t Jon.a who set off tomorrow with E Fisher for their homes
2d. day 24th At home as usual through the day attending to my Correspondence &c — after tea went to Geo. Tappans & Brightmans Shops — calling at the first to see the "Camphene annihilating lamp" alias a large Solar with a button over the defletor to throw the flame outward —
3d. day 25th Went to see Gideon Allen in relation to the Southern project Called at Geo. Hadleys Office. N.D. Richmond & bro.t — & Brightmans — had Edw.d Winslow with us to dine — our Children at Gideon Allens in the eve.g —
4th day 26th I made a call on Gideon Allen at his Office N. Brightman, N.D. Richmond & Geo Hadley's Office — We had Edw.d Winslow to dine with us, and the Children were at Gid.n Allens in the eve.g —

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4th day 26th. Engaged most of the day in writg. letters. respectg. our Southern project — Bro. Wm. called to wash eve. and I walked by the 4 Corners to the Post Office returning through County St — Edwd. was at Jos. Grinnells at dinner with Edwd. Winslow — Our Son Francis arrived this eve. from Springfield to spend a few days — Sister Eliza was also in before tea

5th day 27th. Occupied with my writing all day — This is Thanksgiving day which suspends somewhat our down business + Schools of the Churches are open. Our children all at home at dinner

6th day 28th. had a call on business from my nephew S.H.V Rodman — engaged at my desk all day — in the eve read the Boston Paper — with exception of the Faneuil Hall meetg. to nominate Webster for the Presidency — our children in the evg. at Wm. F. Russells

7th day 29th. Had a call from A. Roberson relating to the Bellevue House — Dr. Dewey also made us a call which was very acceptable — He has a very capacious bodily and mind — Jno. Bryant was here after his dinner and our family except myself went to Dr. Dewey's Lecture in the evg — Edwd + Thos. went to Jos. Wood to dine — And Lydia Roberson + her D. Anna called after the Lecture. Sister Eliza was also in in the afternoon + had Family in the evg

1st day 30th. Read in the bible chiefly — and the letter to S. A. Elliot — went to hear Dr. Dewey preach in the evg. had calls from Sister & C.W. Morgan &c

2d day 12/1 — Busy at home with my ordinary affairs went over to C. W. Morgans to see my Dr. aged mother and in the evg went to Dr. Dewey's closing Lecture + afterward to Sund. on business relating to the B.V. House

3d. day 2d. At my writing till Dinner – had a call from D. R. Perry – and went on several errands in the afternoon calling at Bro. Andrews to see my mother who has to day changed her quarters to his House – Eng. at home – Maria Mack was here about noon, also Edwin Mitchell & Wm. Mack and his sweet little daughter were here a few min. at dusk – Mr. Horton also called to take leave and A. G. Hussey were here to tea &c –

4th. day 3d Engaged at my desk as usual, with my business and anxious cares – C. W. Morgan here in the eve.

5th. day 4th Misplaced with my desks & papers in the Dining Room to accommodate the fitting of the Library for winter by laying down the Woollen Carpet &c – Bro. Wm. & Sister Emma in – Edmund had his friend Wm. Baker to dine with us

6th. day 5th Returned to my accustomed quarters, and was busied as usual – C. W. Morgan called to speak about the sale of the Rodman & to take leave preparatory to his sitting off for Phila. this afternoon – Our Son Edm. also leaves for N. York — The Dissolution of the firm of Rodman & Leonard being agreed upon – We had a pleasant visit from Geo Hussey & family to tea &c – Wm. & his wife were prevented by Company –

7th. day 6 made a statement of my distressing affairs and sent it to my Bro. Wm – attended to my writing & accts in the afternoon – took a little exercise in the Wood house – and in the eve. went down street to Wood Brightman & Sis' Shop and extended my walk with Crutch & Cane to my wife & the High School House – Sister Eliza was here at tea –

1st. day 7th Went to Friends Mg. 3d & 5th. in the forenoon, the first time for the last 18 months – Text read chiefly confined to the Epistle to the Hebrews, in the afternoon I went to see my dear aged mother and made a request for the benefit of my family

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with reference to my pecuniary embarrassments — In the ev.g looked over the manuscript Memoirs of the early first Settlers at Nantucket — drawn up by Elisha Bunker cousin Beth.a wife. from the dictation of manuscript Collected by Franklin Folger — It is an interesting and instructive document. shewing the fidelity of the Promises to the Good and the power of the Christian Virtues to influence the untutored children of Nature who gave an asylum to Thomas Macy & his followers from the intolerance of professed Christians — afterwards read a touching Sermon by Andr. Peabody — on God our Father — Jn.o Harvey was here to tea & with Thos. most of the day 2d. day 8th Occupied in review.g my extracts from my Correspondence with C.C. Stewart — pd. some attention to the 3 lamps to be tried at the L House — Bro. Wm was here in the ev.g on my affairs — and reported two failures — Hicks & Co N.Y. & Miles & Pitman Boston affected (the latter) S. Leonard who is my cred.r for the Rodman and Oil Co.s may interfere with the last pay.t 1 mo. hence & with one pay.t by Wm & C. ac.s due to day — Such is the peril of the Credit system which prevails in the Com.l World to alarm the strong and destroy the weak — Clara Morgan was with us at tea and for the night as Ellen's company — Thos. dined at C. Randall's —

3d. day 9th Rose earlier than usual — had the pleasure of giving my Son Edw.d an early Greeting from the N.Y. train from Fall River — he informed me that H.G. Snell was a fellow Passenger — and the latter called — and spent the forenoon with me — narrating his proceedings which failed of the desired result — as he found no parties to join in the project of manufacturing iron ready — by uniting to supply the Capital required to buy the Site & erect the buildings &c and furnish a working Capital — He met with the man who has just learned that he has become heir of two millions on his way with a friend to get possession — both of them strokes as though they would become interested as their return if they secured the Estate — But this is worthy of very little reliance. Nevertheless I wrote to B.S. Rotch

by the Steamer of to-morrow — to know if the facts
proved as they stated — as they will Specially commun
cate with the U. S. Minister, his father in law — I called
after dinner with Mrs Chen H. Frank and his brother
to call on my Dear mother, who this day numbers her
74 the Year — She was pleasant & Comfortable though so
far advanced — I had designed to go to the L House, but the
day was too far Spent & abandoned the design for the day.
Went to the P. Office & called on an errand at H. Robeson
late in the eve.

4th day Spent the forenoon in fitting my lamps to go to
the L House — and after dinner set off with Frank.
stopping at the tinmans to get some of the omitted articles
met Smith Mr Smith the Keeper in Water St. and took him
home in the Carriage — found an unexpected difficulty
which obliged us to postpone the Experiment — called
at W. Brightman & Sis in the eve. to have the impediment
removed. Stopped a few minutes at H. Roberson's on my
way back. Not dined with Sis pd Mr Hussey

5th day 11th Engaged in relation to my lamps — made a call
at Sister Sarahs with reference to protecting the foun-
tain in the coldest weather — went to Wood Brightman
& Sis before tea — and devoted the eve to a conference with
my Bro & Wm on business matters and to perfecting my lamps
for a new attempt to test them at the L House —

6th day 12th went with my lamps to A. D. Richmond & Sis
in the Milk wagon — to have the heating bolts adjusted &
an appendage attached to support the Chimney —
I called at Eliots office & P. foundry in the afternoon
riding home in Mother's Carriage with Sister Eliza
Mrs Hussey & Frank Grinnell were here at tea — the
Cold of mrs chase H. &c. confined her last eve & yest afternoon
in bed — Sister Phoebe & Sue are also troubled in this way

7th day 13th Went to the Bank late in the afternoon —
on a mission to assuming the debt due from the N B Mills

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and to A.D. Richmond & Bro about my lamps for the L.H. had them taken to A. Roberson's where I stopped on my way home & sent for them worked late in examining & adjusting the several parts to each other, & in writing a description of the L. Hg. & Bell & Howell 1st day 14th went to the Yearly Meeting and walked with Rachel & to see our mother at the close of the afternoon meeting — read in the bible and the S.S. Journal — our nephew W.L. Rodman who got home last Eve. from his tour round the world via Cape Horn & San Francisco — He is well & stout as he has been for the whole time of his absence

2d day 15th Devoted much of the day to my lamp Experiments — to my Dec. tor — tried the L.H. lamp in the wood House and left it burning well when we retired brilliant by

3d day 16th Occupied most of the day with experiments to my lamp Experiments — The light in the wood house burned brilliantly till extinguished 9¼ A.M. Sea men 13th — had a Call from Jos. C. Delano on business Lizzie Hatsey was with us at tea — and Wm. L. Rodman called while we were at dinner and sat with us at table and remained here some time afterward waiting for his horse to be sent from the Farmers — I trimmed my lamp again in the wood House where it had remained all day Temp. 25°. covered the fountain & with wood & a wadded cloth cover to prevent the rapid radiation of the heat from the burner & the heater — the oil being chilled I burned a tea spoonful or two of alcohol in the Dripping Cup to warm the burner well before lighting it — It burned well & without flagging till we retired. I trimmed it again for the night without snuffing for the night Received my new lamp burner from A.D. Richmond & Bro — which they have had in hand about 6 months, long enough to forget some part of my instructions — and it therefore requires some altering

4th day 17 Went to A.D. Richmond & Brs Entrance to see Lizzie — called again to meet him at the Yearly Meeting at 1 o'clock at the Women's house about sunset, but he was engaged about all the afternoon — I then went to his house and explained the de-

feets of the burner — and requested him to make another adapting one of the feets to each of that finished — one of which to be used with my hot lamps — on getting home I made another trial with the L.H. lamp in the wood house — Station 2 tea spoonsfull of alcohol. The mercury being at 20° — Trimmed at 10 + left it burning bril[liantly] 5th day 18th Engaged with my accounts &c — found the lamp burning brilliantly this morning —

6th day 19th Occupied at home as usual. had a call from W. G. E. Pope to complete bills of Sale for my 3/16 of the Magnolia — to two Boston men —

7th day 20th by previous arrang[ement]. Went to the L.H. with Frank in Mother's Carriage — Stopping at Mr Rich[ar]d Brisbane's & A. Kelly's on the way — We sent the Carriage back immediately — and Frank walked up when his services were accomplished in setting up the Lamps — Remained all the day & had tea — The lamps on Light did not do well — the fountains of two leaked and the other started badly — so as to extinguish several of the wicks in the course of 4 hours — the lamp which leaked last burned bright at 2 P.M. & in the morning —

1st day 21st At Sunrise extinguished the lamps & detached mine to take them home & have the leaks stopped & ascertain the cause of the bad burning of the round one — Attended meetings & left L.H. at 11 A.M. early —

2. day 22 looked over the papers in the forenoon and in the afternoon worked upon my lamps — and made some alterations with Frank's aid to settle the burner lower on the air tube shortening this — tried it with the same oil with which it failed at the L. House in the wood house, trimmed it at 11 and left it for the night — Bro. Wm H.G. Snell & some others called — and Edw[ar]d Winslow after tea — My Chess Match at Sybil Robinson — I made an errand to the tin Shop — but found no workmen there.

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3d day 24th The lamp burned brilliantly all night I spent most of the day in correcting some defects which resulted from imperfect workmanship - Went to the tinmans Shop to get the imperfect fountains and at last found another defect from heedlessness in the workman which took much of the day to remove and otherwise prepare another of the L.H. lamps for a night experiment - afterward attended to my postponed items of book acct &c

4th day 24th Had a call from A.G. Hall on occasion of his embarrassed affairs in connection with the present owners of the St. Mill - attended to my Bank acct &c and saw G. Hussey in relation to A.G.S.'s affairs but he declines assuming any personal liability - His public failure will be very disastrous to me & my hopes from transfers. Jos Dale called at A.D. Richmond & his about my Lamp burner which is about finished - lost long time & was disappointed of my trial experiment with my 3d L.H. Lamp. by finding the repair of the fountain imperfect - the leak continued - Thos returned this afternoon with Frank who went to Petersburg for him in good health - but is more than hereto fore to his lame limb & descends somewhat with his crutches - Abby Hussey & Emma Russell with us at tea. I called a few minutes to see my dear mother from Rheum. She too is lame - Lizzie is Hostess

5th day 25th Spent the day mostly at my desk - Lizzie & Hussey dined with us - & her sister Jul. & Mr Lambert were here at tea - He conducted the Ch. Services very acceptably as I understand - I was at Wood Bright's Shop for my fountain, but they could not find any leak - I called at Roberson's & at H.G. Sadler & Thos. Allen's Shop Thus has passed the day made memorable from its being the supposed anniversary of our Saviour's Advent - a fitting season surely for its observance with thanks giving & Praise & Prayer

6th. day 26th. Occupied in making abstracts of my letters to & from C C & Post Master as copies separately with reference to certain classes of subjects - for convenc. in reference - went to the Tin Shop towards evg for the fountain of my lamp. burned it in my room till bed time & then put it in the Wood house - Thos had a visit from one of his Class mates, Austin, now studying law at Taunton - Sister Sarah was here towards evg

7th. day 27 - Rode to bro. Benj.n in Sister Sarah's Car.e - he suffering from a Carbuncle bile - called at A. D. Rich's Esq. on my return - to get some brass chimney studs for my L.H. Lamps had a call from A.G. Hall in the afternoon & for bro. Wm towards evg - wrote late on the S.S. Jr. Mo. Mag.e - our children at late at Geo Harveys - burned my L.H. Lamp and left it at retiring evg. in the Wood House window

1st day 28 - Went to mtg. in the morng - but remained at home in the afternoon the weather being rainy - read in the His.y of the Reformation, looked over the Weekly news - worked at my S.S. Jr. Mo. Mag.e - late in the evg & prac. with the Bible -

2d. day 29th - attended to my Bank business in the mg and devoted the rest of the forenoon to fitting the L.H Lamps for another trial - dis appointed in my endeavors to find mother's man - Sat out by borrowing C.W. Morgans horse & buggy & set off with Frank - got to the Point just before sunset and succeeded in getting them up with good promise of success - On our return I found my hot lamp - and I kept the evg till very late in filling and adjusting it from the too great heighth of the wooden wick the glass was broken so that I could not make a satisfactory experiment

3d. day 30 Occupied with my accounts - tried my hot lamp in the evg - it burned very well a little tendency to smoke made a little use of the scissors necessary at starting - Sister Lydia is in

tour or a visit to mother She called at the door on
to take us a chen to call with Sister Elisha
on bro. Benj. —
4th day 31st Attended to my domestic duties
and went to do my Bank business — Called at
Ed. Stone and had a conv. with his Clerk —
after dinner called at D. Wards, and had all my
remaing teeth extracted (4 in each jaw) had a
call from Geo Hussey & T. G. Allen — afterwards
from my bro. Wm — and in the ev. the two first
named & T. G. Snell, on his affairs in connec-
tion with the pres. occ. of the St. mill — an
uncomfortable subject — on which it was dif-
ficult to come to a decision — but it was finally
effected — I was rather uncomfortable physi-
cally from the operation of the afternoon —
Thus ends in discomfort a year which has been
marked by much of adversity to us, and the
opening year is unfortunately has nothing brighter
than we can now foresee — But we must
have faith in a kind overruling Providence &
look at temporal blessings we do so deeply sha-
ded for many Spiritual graces which will pre-
pare us for a haven of rest & Peace where the
storms & darkness of our earthly allotment shall
be past —
5th day 1 mo. 1st 1852 Anew year is ushered in
— we have had a quiet day — have declined re-
ceiving Calls — The clouded future making my
wife disinclined — to receive or give expression
by the Congratulations of the season. The Skyhas

had however many pleasing incidents — Tokens of remembrance from numbers of our relatives & friends have brightened the hours especially to the younger members of the family — Sister Lydia was in — and I went in the eve. to see my dear aged mother who was bright & pleasant — Would that the sad forebodings which attended the openings of the last few years and have been too fully verified in their course, might not again be fulfilled — but that a kind providence might end the anxieties and troubles which now seem impending — and grant us peace — and leisure to be with & good — But whatever of ill may still betide us may he not permit our faith to be sha- ken in his goodness & overshadowing love — and grant us grace to profit to the uttermost in a Spiritual sense from the temporal ills which we have had to encounter & which may yet be meted to us

6th day 1mo 2d — Occupied at home through the day in bringing up my arrears of the daily items and attending to my accounts — had my new bonnet for the occasion this last eve & this but not with the decided pleasure that I hoped for Sister Eliza was in and I was at hand to mother & Sister & thereby

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7 day 3d Occupied at home through the day & evg — My pecuniary embarrassments causing much fruitless toil — Made a trial of my new stand burner this evg

1st day 4th Remained at home through the day as did all the other members of the family — The weather being very stormy & colds prevalent — Ith. probly. have been at my post for the late dental operation — Read in D'Aubigné hist. of the Ref.n and the bible — Retired at 10 early for me

2d day 5th Busily & anxiously occupied with my financial matters — Went from Prov.ce to G. payment of a large loan giving me great uneasiness Went to the tin shop town and evg. to get my hot lamp which was sent to have some slight alterations. had found on exam.n that they had mistaken my meaning — The parlor lamp with the new burner for the wooden wick did not satisfy my wife — took it to my office and found that — the Capillary attraction was counteracted by the Atmospheric pressure — opened the choaking orifice & it burned well — Our children who are ignorant of my new anxiety went to a concert & Wm. L. Rodman attend with them — I did not join them in the parlor but retired at 11

3 day 6th Engaged with my accounts Grant Thurber called on spiritual business as did also A. G. Hall — alarming news from my niece Martha Tucker Sister Sarah & Lydia Russell have been with her some days

4th day 7th Occupied with Acc.s of long standing with C. H. Morgan — He was here to wait on me — He too has much pecuniary embarrassment — which makes it worse for me — wrote till very late — advices from Prov.ce are this more favorable for Dewis Mason — Abby Hussey was here to tea — Ellen had her little Soc.y here at tea (by Thurs. Chandler

5th. Day 8th Occupied assiduously with accounts had a call from Bro. Wm and my large Prod. debt — late in the eg. went to A. Roberts to my dear mother & Sisters — The news from Martha admits of some hope

6th. Day 9th Occupied by the St. Mill and Co. & my financial arrangts. very critical, tried my pot lamps it worked well

7th. Day 10th — Engaged as heretofore, had a call from Bro. Wm — the accounts from our niece Martha Tudor afford very little ground to hope for her restoration her father & Bro. Andw from Phila. are there —

1st. Day 11 The effects of my dental operation kept me at home — read in the bible — Hore's Sermons & the history of the Reformation — Jno Hussey was here in the eg — feelings must depressed at the condition of my affairs — may a kind Providence shield the beloved ones dependant upon me from the evils of my impend.

2d. day 12th Occupied with my anxious business cares and duties — Bro. Benj. was in he is still a sufferer from his Carbuncle bile — and has lost much of his robust appearance since he has been thus afflicted a letter this morning from A Roberson Jr seem to give a little hope for dear Martha — but a letter from Sister Sarah did not hold out any flattering prospects — and she was right for a Telegraphic dispatch in the afternoon announced her decease — It is painful in the extreme to see the young the good the happy — who shed only Sunshine and love around them — in whose gentle bosoms no harsh or unkind feeling has its place — and whose mission seemed to be in humility & self forgetfulness to bless her family and friends. cut off in their ascending career of love and usefulness — But it should teach our faithless and erratic hearts to go home to its true Centre of Faith in

that Divine Goodness which created & sustains all — to that true Shrine of human worship — from which we have in prosperity ~~& health~~ so strong a tendency to wander — and find in the blessings dispensed or portrayed — a attempts to find a substitute for the true blessings which cluster round a Soul devoted to the only true God — who receives in filial submission that comforts or crosses of this fleeting Scene, all sublimed by the conviction that they are allotted in love and should be received with a gratitude or submission which will minister to this purification and preparation for the enduring Scene of the life to come when this probationary Stage is wisely passed — Pressing business Cares compelled me to go abroad in the eve — Cares that do not settle by & often impair both temporally & Spiritually as has been my sad sad experience

3d. day 13th. Engaged in my anxious & unprofitable cares and duties — as usual — had a call from G. Faber — my father's farmer now superannuated as to labor, and lives with his Children at Fall River — wrote late on St mill business

4th day 14th. beside my usual occupations made a call at mother's present home and attended to some business matters abroad — the accounts of Dr Martha's last hours is very touching & in harmony with her unblemished Life on my return stopped at Dr Ward's and had a small process from the place where one of the teeth were extracted broken from the under jaw. which prevented the healing of the gum

5th. day 15th. At home and employed at my desk &c. &c. making a visit to my mother & Sisters at 12 O'clk to join them in Sympathy with the friends of our dear Martha in Boston, who were then assembled to pay the last sad tribute of love to her memory on the entombing of her unconscious remains — Bro Edmund left us this morning to be present on the occasion, bearing his

Cousin Emily company — my bro: Wm & his son in law Edwd
also went to attend the ceremonial — Chs & Wm Logan
were also there having gone there before — the latter
to visit his sister Mrs — Ed. returned this eve. — and
reported the satisfactory accomplishment of the Solemniza-
tion — the remains being placed in the tomb of a church
preparatory to their removal to their final resting place
by the side of her mother in her fathers lot in the Oak Grove
cemetery

6th day 16th At home till towards eve. when I went to A.
Robesons expecting to see him & others from Boston but they
did not come as was expected in the mid day train
Sister Lydia not being well, and in the full expectation
that our relatives would be back from Boston this eve. She
left for home in the afternoon train — I made a call
on business on my return home —

7th day 17 Occupied in the forenoon with the arrange-
ments for and causing to be procured the Oil to replenish our
Oil barrel (from the Rodmans Co.s, as was the last) now ex-
hausted. Durgin as heretofore being the Operator — The
barrel was found free of sediment, though it has been
filled several times since the head has been taken
out for cleansing & examination the false head ap-
peared to have worked well — as protector from the
action of the air on the Oil — The guy. which coated
the Coats upper surface and of a gummy consistence
and was scraped off — and thrown by as a contribution
to the Soup makers — the guy. was very small perhaps
1/8 of an inch in thickness at the Centre — made a
call of condolence at Andrews — had a visit from
Stephen Davoll from Fall River — bro: Wm called
towards eve to confer on my heavy, approaching
liabilities — which I have no means of fulfilling
and am compelled to rely on kind others who as a
matter of friendship for my account endorsed the note
(Mr Chace) has been detained from following her inclina-
tion to join our relatives at A. Robesons in the indulgence
of their favorite which our benevolent Father in his
wisdom has seen fit to withhold from us this day. Fri Afternoon

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1st day 18th The weather a Snow Storm. So that only Edmund & Susan were out. I read in the bible finishing the book of Revelations and looked over the verses of the last half week and in the w.j. the hist. of the Reformation a deeply interesting and instructive work

2d day 19 — My pressing and anxious Secular cares return upon my hands. though the painful thoughts attending them cannot be banished from the few hours of intermission which the Sabbath brings from this labor — But the Consciousness that a kind Providence directs our destiny. though clouds & darkness fill the mind sometimes with alarm to teach us patience and Submission coupled with an earnest endeavor to walk as in his sight and with a single or unbiassed eye to his approval. — who cares for all — and would lead all to peace through often through great tribulation — Bro: Wm was here on business in the afternoon. and took me in his Sleigh to Bro: Benj: in Ch. to Brothers — C.H. Young was here in the ev — The weather extremely Cold — the most so of any day this winter — Saw L. Russell at Andrews — She has recovered from the temporary indisposition resulting from her fatigues & anxieties in Boston — Andrew seems quiet & submissive —

3d day 20th at home this morning Valiantly Determined to settle some of my accounts — had encouraging letters in regard to the notes to be dis'd —

4th day 21 Occupied at home with my Lamps. Cars &c Bro: Wm called in the afternoon & I went out towards the w.j. to settle Some of my bills — called at Bro: Andrews on my return and saw them his Son Andrew Jr — Wm Lima was expected in the Cars —

5th day 22d By agreement I had the use of my Bro: Wm Sleigh to go early in the day to the Point L. House — Snow much blown off the road in many places — Mr Smith reported

Assembly of the Lamps — I went down Street
to attend to my payments — afternoon & eve.
at Home — Our children were participating
in the Sleighg. pleasures of the Season —
6th. Day 23d — Engaged at home through the day — fore-
noon with my Lamps & domestic duties P.M. Trans. of my
Accounts — Geo. Hussey called with reference to disposal
of part of our machinery to a Shakes Mill in Shirley
Our Thomas who has been some days at my brother
Benj.s called with his Cousin Wm. about 2 O'Clk
and Spent some time — returned to their late din.r hour
5 P.M. —
7 Day 24th. Occupied at home through the day
at my desk &c — business pressing — the girls
at their Uncle Benj.n to tea after having a ride
with their Cousin Wm. & bro! Thomas in the Sleigh
1st. day 25 — At Home in acc.t of my dental
deficiencies — read in the bible & the hist.y
of the Reformation — Rodman Morgan was
here in the Eve.g — & Wm. Rand who officiated
at Grace Church called after tea — He left
pleasant recollections when he retired from
the rectorship many year since — He is now
settled at Worcester
2d. day 26th actively employed in Domestic &
Office duties — Had a call from L. Kollock
& G. H. Bourne formerly members of the Mill
Co.y — they manifested a disposition to throw the whole loss
on them if the law will permit them to do
so — I was not surprised at this in G. H. B.
but I expected better things of L. K — Geo.

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Hussey was in afterward — they had been to see him too, and showed the same disposition on which he remarked pointedly — Sterling integrity is not so common as many suppose it to be — Wm Mendall late miss Osgood called and I saw her & her sister Harriet — Frank Emmite has a treat to lodge

3d day 28 the Busily engaged with my lamps and my accounts — till the close of the eve — The hot fountain lamp performs beyond my expectation — Our friend Mary Estford was here — but I secluded myself when visitors call — Sue went to the Lyceum Lecture to hear the Female Lecturer

4th day 29 Busily occupied with my accounts preparatory to the audg. of the St mine Coy Edm? left today for N York via Springfield & Boston — O.W. Morgan called on business relating to the sale of my part of the Rodman — Had E. Francis here to refit the kitchen Range

5th day 29 Had E. Francis here again but there was found a leak in the pipe to the Waterback which hinders his work

6th day 30 A. Craigie and an assistant was here about the water pipes — My attention engaged in these directed given to my accounts

7th day 31 Occupied as of late — E. Francis here all day, or nearly so with an assistant — in the afternoon reset the Grate & range so that I hope it will not soon require further attention — Wm Logan Rodman was here at two time & for the eve — my engagements confined me to my room — awaiting till a very late hour

1st day 1st A storm of rain & snow detained the Fam. of Cep Sweem from meeting myself withrained by my Dental deficiencies — read in Genesis & Exodus — and in the Hist. of the Reformation — retired early for me, a little before 10 — Jno. Hussey was with Thos. in his room & witness a[illegible] the

2d. day 2d. called to see mother & attend to some business down Street — found her confined to her room with Rheumatism in her neck & Chest which had kept her in bed 2 days — but she is now better — called also at D. Wards to let him prepare for supplying my dental deficiencies — had the Ann. Mtg. of the St. Mills Co. at my house this eve — Wm L. Rodman with Thos te —

3d day 3d Went this forenoon to the Point L House to see after my Camps had the use of bro Wm's Sleigh, and took in T. H. Greene on the way & left him at the Point Ch House — found H. Smith absent — and postponed my intended operations on the Camps — took in T. H. G. again on my return & left the Sleigh at my brothers, and afterwards of the kindness of my nephew Rodman Morgan to make a call on two individuals on St Mills business — we heard this afternoon by Telegraph the sad news of Lindley Fishers death of Small pox — The accts. came but little encouraging for several days but still we had hope — He was a young man of superior endowments and qualities — his death will make a sad breach in the domestic as well as wider circles in which he moved. he

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was a very important member of the Deerhammer Iron Co'y and his loss will throw additional burthens on my bro' Charles who is the prominent member of the Concern — long depressed by the adverse current of this kind of business in our Country — His brother Charles was sick at the same time of the milder form of the disease viz Varioloid

4th day 11th Occupied with the Accts. of the Potch Wks Co'y. of which I am Treas' & Secy — Wm. Williams called after dinner. Called on D. Wood Adk

5th day 5th Occupied at my desk in reading & writing &c walked to Wood Brushman & bro to get the Gimlet. adapted to filling the fountain of my hot lamp — and Spent the day till I in altering it to adapt it to the Orifice of the Supply pipe to prevent the leakage which with the one with cotton wick is a little inconvenient — Eliz. Hussey with Martha

6th day 6th and Franks' Lathe is now completely adjusting the tunnel to the supply pipe of my hot lamp — and Succeeded tolerably well so much so as to Satisfy me that with the proper artizan Wm's & appliances the practical difficulties of changing the lamp will be reduced to a little extra time & care over those of more common construction — devoted the day afterwards to my accounts. chiefly as Treas' of the R.W.Co.

7th day 7th Had a call from the Visitors of the H.N.W.Co. which enabled me to complete my perforations for the Gauze Mg. at my room this eve — my bro' Wm was in in the afternoon — and the Mg. was Satisfactorily held in the eve. — Present J. Atwood my bro' Wm

T. D. Eliot & Edw. L. Baker — the two first staid late — after which I made the record of the doings at Fed. the Treasurership being also contained in my charge — Our son Edmund returned this eve. from Newyork via Springfield & Boston — having seen Frank a couple of hours at Springfield as he came through — Thos. died with Wm. Hussey — & returned late

1st. day 8th. At home as usual & late D. Ward's job not being finished — read in the bible and History of the Reformation — We passed a quiet day the Episcopal church not open — having no preacher — Thos. & Edm.d. dined at Wm. P. Russells to meet one of My Grinnell's sons from N York

2d. day 9th occupied with the Polet. Whg Co/business in the forenoon — Col Grinnell called in the afternoon to distribute the Dividends ordered at the late mg. of the Whg Coy — Chr. D Bart Dy Sheriff called to serve a writ in relation to the Bridge

3d. day 10th Betty with my cows till 12 when I went to Judge Reeds to compromise to appear at Taunton the 2d Tuesday in March to answer to the case referred to yesterday — called at Mothers — and in the afternoon applied a lutting to an imperfect joint in the pipe to the water Closet in the Kitchen — wrote in the eve. a letter of Sympathy to our bereaved relations at Wakefield

4th day 11th — had a call from Bro: Wm in the afternoon — and from Geo Hart on business Edmund left us this afternoon for Boston

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5th day 12 — Had a call from H.G. Snell. who returned yesterday from the Shaker Settlement at Shirley — He found no encouragement for introducing our machinery into their mill — which makes this prospect look very dark for our concern — A. Robeson also called — to say that he can do nothing towards providing mother with the money which she is bound with me to pay S.t Howland in about one month — We also talked of the S.t Pet. business — Wrote letter & put press copies for the last 6 weeks into the books — at Dusk walked to the S.o Water Lock & in that vicinity a Partridge in the Cedar near in the Ldg — Scene by reading in the bible —

6th day 13th buried most of the forenoon about my lamp — Capt Stranier receiving the had a call from H.G. Snell in the afternoon about mill machinery — wrote a letter in the eve and took it to the Office — Stopping at A. Robesons to transact a little business with my Sister Eq.

7th Day 14 — went to Elliots Office & my Son Ed. about a deed by the heirs of the Salt works at Bass River — and to Brightmans about the Lamps — in the afternoon went to D. Wards & got my teeth which are at present very uncomfortable — walked to Chr. Allens at Dusk and Stopped at Andrews while the mail was opened — Saw Alanson and Andrew Jr who arrived this eve to spend the day with their father and the dear Child which we lamented Martha left the former — Mother seemed pretty well our Son Edm.d came this eve from Boston

1st Day 15th — Remained at home as of late my health being not less uncomfortable with the resultory pains and to some of the indications of old age — Read Arch Deacon Hares Memoir of John Sterling which I found very interesting as well as in the bible & in D'Aubigné's Hist.y of the Reformation — Jn.o Harley with Thos.s Carter tea — Miss Washburn d.r of Lysander Washburn dec.d who is on her visit to Sybil Robeson stopped after tea to go with our Children to the Oratorio — by the German band of Musicians

2.d Day 16 Was at Prescotts & Elliots & Mackays offices relative to the building which I hired of my Aunt Mary for Jourdain called to see mother — afternoon at my acc.o and in the ev.g read in the Work on Mechanicks by D. Allen which I bo.t of our cousin Arnold some months since, but which my daily business has hitherto prevented my taking up — A.G. Judd was here & reported his visit to the Shakers at Shirley which does not look likely to lead to any disposition for idle cotton Machinery —

3.d Day 17.th devoted again the forenoon to the business of the Ass.n by N Johnson relative to the building leased of my Aunt Mary — came to no final conclusion — called to see mother & Sister E — The accounts from Wakefield are favorable — walked with Edm.d Gardner to his home taking him by my S.o Water Lot — which I am now desirous to make a Sale — Had a meeting of the purchasers of our mill with reference to disposing of it

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to A.G. Snell — walked at Dock to Chs. Allen to arrange for visiting the L House tomorrow morng — Sybil Roberson and her Cousin were here at tea — and Frank Grinnell on his little boy at Dinner — I find it a painful operation to eat and therefore did not join them Silla Lee was here to day who as did Sybil looked in upon me — evg read in Allens Mechanics 4th day Went to the Point L House soon after breakfast and — and spent most of the day making some changes and putting my things in order for want of proper information they had been neglected by which thought they performed well the operation was unfavorable — went with mothers horse in my wagon — and brot up Mr. Smith on my return home which reached about 5 — walked in the evg. to see Judge Prescott — but missed him by his having Called about the same time at my house — Eliz. Morgan here this evg to spend a few days — I was induced to return early by the L.H. expedition & labors

5th day 11th went to D. Woods Cozens who gave me some relief — to the Police Court to see Judge P— & had a Sample of depravity in the Cases before the Court — went in the afternoon to Judge P's. office & came to an agree in relation to the building on Mr. & First Streets — and visited the tenants, with Prescott & Mackay Ass. of St. Johnsen to give them notice that my lease to Jourdain was forfeit-

cd for breach of Condition — and that Judge Prescott was my agt for agreeg & settling for the new leases — giving the Rum Seller peremptory notice to quit the premises — Called at D.P. Rices & Snells Shops — L. Russells children were with the Fam. to tea — my dental troubles prevented my joining them — Jn.o Kehew was here in the evg. to see my wife & Sister in relation to the Call of the Episcopal Church to Mr Bent as Rector — his acceptance appears probable, & promising of good to the Soc.y — Eliz Hussey was also here & our Nephew Rodman — who called at my room to see about leavg —

6.th day 20.th At home till Sunset occupied in relation to a Photometer &c called as Bp Ketmans, Snells & mothers evg. at Home — Francis arr.d this evg from Springfield — Clara here as well & Sybil Roberson spent part of the evg with my wife —

7.th day 21.st At home till the mid. of the afternoon. then went to Judge Prescotts and to see my mother &c evg at home — found L. Russell quite ill — though Dr. Rotch hoped it was Influenza merely & had reached its height — had some talk with my mother on the anxious state of my affairs

1.st day 22 Attended meetg A.M. & P.M. — and read a D'Aubignes History of the Reformation & Memoir of Rev W. B. O. Peabody —

2.d day 23.d — Called at mothers & at Judge Prescotts & before dinner and at Bp Ketmans & L.G. Hewins bapt tea on business matters — otherwise at home read. writg &c — L. Russell supposed to be rather better — Emma Jones died last evg about 8 Oclock — the Children are said to be better — Jn.o Howland seems to be dangerously ill — Wm L. Rodman & Clara Jones here to tea — Hyde Park

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3d day 24th — Occupied all day about my lamps and fittings — just returned from Brightmans — Wm L Rodman & Rodman & his Sister Clara here at tea & Miss Eliza Swift who took ma chere H. to ride in the afternoon to the Cemetery &c

4th day 25th A Call from Dr Jas W. Richmond of Providence R.I. in relation to the Old State Debt, on the arrival of the morng. Cars occupied my time most of the period intervening between his arr & departure in the afternoon train. he Staid with us to dinner. He is indefatigable in his endeavors to change the repudiating course of the State, but with no very encouraging prospect of success — he has been at work 9 years, and though the Legislature can give no plausible reasons for repudiating their Certificates of debt, they persevere in doing so — wrote a short note to the Editor of the Mercury on the subject — and went to Meeting &c — L. Russell is better —

5th day 26th Busied about my lamps &c in the morng — then went out in relation to the Buffalo Mortgage preparatory to the Sale — afternoon also, and went to buy Sr. Waters Lot to see the occupant with reference to a sale of the same, called at Jos Eddy's & at his Sr. Hart's house — we had our Cousin Elizabeth Arnold, at Tea and for the Eve — She was as usual very interesting. wrote to Buff & took my letter to the P. Office after she left us

6th day 27 Dear bro Edmund arr this morng from Newyork — I called with him to see mother after being at the N.Y. Commissioners about the release

of the mortgagees (of which he is one) of the Bost.° property.
— bot. my lamp fixtures from the tinmans, and fitted them to their respective lamps in the eve. which from my want of practice in using the Solder & Iron detained me till very late

4th day 28th A Storm of Snow & rain offered no attractions abroad — devoted the forenoon to my lamps in completing some things left last eve. — a slow job from inexpertness in Soldering &c — Had a call from T. C. Allen about the machinery at Shirley & Mr Snelli proposal for the same — The opportunity there presented for its operation is encouraging at the very low valuation proposed but whether this faint ray of light will not disappear as all our hopes hitherto have done in darkness remains to be known — Advised his conferring with Wm. R. Rotch & G. Hussey on the subject —

1st day 29th Attended Meeting at Spring St. House. Mr H. & H. M. read in the list of the Reformation Geo. Hussey & Charles & others called — went in the eve. to the Stone Church Purchase St. to hear the annual address in behalf of the B.H. Society for the Moral improvt. of Seamen by the Rev. Mr Wise of the Eden St. Methodist Society which was an instructive practical discourse on the condition of the Sailor his morals & character — by no means flattering — but upon general rule arises from the numerous honorable & worthy exceptions, is too truly miserable and degraded — found Chs Randall Uncle & Sister in Law on our return. Edmund being with me

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2d day 2 P.M. 1. Busy about my lamps — owing to an accident — much of the forenoon — Went to the City election before 12 & then to G. Harvey's & House to decide in regard to the plan of transferring our Cotton machinery to Shirley — which was finally decided upon — the old & present owners holding One half & to be to that extent interested in the lease of the Shakers mill — A.G. Stell left this afternoon for that place to complete the agreement —

3d day 2 — At home most of the day in my usual avocations — made a drawing of a Photometer on E.S. Ritchie's plan, and ordered one made like it — called at N. Roberson's to see my mother on return from D.R. Pierce's — Sister E quite a sufferer from sore throat —

4th day 2 attended to some business of the St. mill Comp'y at the Sav'k Inst'n & made a call on Mary Taber's family — She being prostrated by an attack of Paralysis and her daughter Delia at the point of death with consumption — a very afflicted family — Jane the only child which will be left of Mary's children. is the mainstay & dependence of the family — She is a g. niece of the Story of the house — I found the Rev. Mr. Eldridge whom D. had sent for to pray with her in her extremity — which I was glad to unite in — She was a Christian and anni-

ble woman — long a member of the Society of which he is the Pastor — A few days only remain to her in this disciplinary State, and I trust She has so wisely profited by its teaching that the translation to the Spiritual world will be to her a blessed Change — Engaged at the desk after Bro: Edmunds departure on his return home — till twilight and then went to walk & execute some errands — the weather very Cold — Spent this afternoon in A. J. Phippi's home — I learned was so serious as to make the hospitality of their friends perhaps acceptable — I therefore went at my wifes request to ask them to our home — but I found the main body of the house was emigrated — so that they declined the invitation — the fire is supposed to have originated from one of the little children playing with a Match by the little bed which set it on fire though not so as to injure persons or alarm the family — It was soon extinguished after the attention of the fire department was called to it — Frank Gemmell with us at tea he went out with our sons and returned to lodge

5th Day 4th — Employed at home — walked out to see to some business matters before dinner & at desk — call'd to see mother — on

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Jam.y. at Pinchbeck H and 3 or 4 of the children at a Concert at the City Hall 6th Day 5th Had a call from N.G. Snell who returned yesterday from Shirley — He made the preliminary arrangements — but was unable to have the writings completed partly on acc.t of the absence of the Lawyer who was applied to to draw them & partly because the new organization was not so far arranged for as to give the name of the proposed new Company — a meet.g of the parties to the arrangement was proposed for this ev.g and I made some examination of the Gen.l Law relating to Manf. Corporations. and Sketched the outlines of articles of association. — Called at dusk on my bro.r Wm. and Geo. Hussey — Inviting the former to be present at the mg. this ev.g. which he declined on the ground that he could not feel justified in extend.g his liabilities in the least degree — The mg. was at my room D.R. Perry G. Hussey N.G. Snell & T. C. Allen — some hesitation was shown to going on without a definite prospect of getting the $13.000 the loan which the object is require to start the mill at Shirley. so that after a long Session nothing was decided on — and another mg. must be held. and I fear others must be interested to give effect to the plan —

7th day 6th Wrote out the plan of association for the Shirley enterprise for D. R. Perry & sent it to him — his son David called soon after and took a copy of the By Laws of the N.B.S.M.C.J — and as I was going out to call on a friend or two to see if I could get some co-operation for the Shirley enterprise I was met by Isaac P. Hazard who being in Town called to see me chiefly in relation to the removal of our Machy — South — He gave attention to the present plan which on the whole he pupposes — he took notes and was very friendly — friendship & his own benevolence of character supplying the only motive — He staid & dined with us and left after to take the 4th P.M. train to Fall River & Newport — I went out afterward to see W. H. Swan met him in his buggy & gave him the plan — returned it declining to aid in the measure — Went to see Geo. Hart but learned he was absent from Town — Called at Andrews who took me home with my Photometer which proves a failure on the principle recommended from Boston — Called to see Gov. Richmond about the Bridge & Job White's Lot & [illegible] went to Mrs. A. M. Peck's called & waited to see Mother she not in — Sister E to stay with us while Mother was at Ch's but she prefered to remain with me — her sore throat is better — went again to see Ch's about the Bridge Case at Taunton in the west — and twice to see Richmond without finding him — called at Andrews & Peck's & remained at home till near 10 — then

called at Ch.' to learn about the bridge case, but he could give me no information — took one of his lamps home to shorten the argand & have the chimney regulator repaired — occupied in the eve writing over my explanations & directions for my lamp — with a view to the information of the Bristol Lamp & Glass Co. at Taunton whom I have corresponded with in regard to making some of them for sale —

3d day 6th Gave attention to some matters relating to the Bridge case for which I am indicted with other individuals of the Co. — and in reference to the Shirley project — in the forenoon — In the afternoon attended the funeral services over the remains of Capt J. H. Allen at the 4th St. Methodist Meeting House, which were impressive and largely attended

4th day 10th Went in the forenoon to the Point L. House — Met J. H. M. Smith Com. to town. I took him in & set him up — and then took him home again — He reports favorably of the lamps but I was sorry to find unwilling on acct. of the extra trouble, to have the full set put up — called at D.R. Perry's to see if he had learned the result of his application for means to remove our cotton machy. to Shirley: — he had not ascertained

5th Day 11th Occupied as usual. had a call from N.G. Snell who informed me that the Offer at the Savings Bank was not accepted — Saw afterwards Geo. Hussey — who had conferred with

my bro: Wm — and thought it would be made with another name to succeed — Called at D. R. Perry's and had an interview with him & A. Hale on the prospect — Agreed on a meet'g. of the parties interested to take the preliminary measures for organizing a new Co'y — at my house this ev'g — where all met except Geo. Hussey — He being absent it was decided to meet on Friday ev'g next at my house or elsewhere as might be most convenient to the others & G. H.

6th. day 12th. Engaged chiefly in writing up my Ledger &c — afternoon at the Town Clerks Office comparing the Special laws of the Com'th to see if there was any Manuf. Co'y which had anticipated us in the proposed name of the "Phoenix Cotton Manuf. Co'y" for the Shirley establishment — & found none as late as 1848 the latest date to which the Special acts were read

7th. day 13th At G. Hussey's Office abt. noon to talk over the Shirley Project &c — afternoon employed in making Sketch of By Laws &c to be presented at the meeting of the parties to the Shirley project — Met at D. R. Perry's — where was my bro: Wm and A. Grimwood from Boston a lawyer & friend of Mr Perry's the preliminary association was signed — and the Scheme partially matured — noticing a meeting to Choose officers at my house this night one week — the session was later than intended by a misunderstanding as to the place of meeting — and continued to near midnight

1st Day 14th Attended meetings at the Sp. St. House — Called at the Closey the P.M. Mag. at A Rod. Cronis. Geo. B. Richmonds and C W Morgans — My dear aged mother was very pleasant and sociable though feeble — Edw? and this morn. and Thomas got back from his excursion with Rodman Morgan to Plymouth &c yesterday afternoon, on wh they started 4th day last — Read in the bible and the hist. of the Reformation

2d. day 15th Called at Mothers to get her name to a renewal note to S. A. Howland otherwise mostly at home — had a call from Geo Hussey and one from Bro. Wm — wrote again to Hazen (a duplicate of my call — sent to Weld & Minot to forward G. H. very anxious about his liabilities for the S. M. Co — I dont see that we can continue our establishment here — but the suggestion of abandoning it is very painful and distressing to us all — the Shirley project if we sh. be able to carry it out looks to me as affording a retreat. but my family do not at all favor the idea — What is in the future time only can reveal — Sad & [illegible]

3? day 16th Went to the P. Office & Factory before breakfast — where they have begun to take down the works — Had a call from R. French in regard to the Bridge Case. on which I have to go to Taunton next fifth day — At my office in the afternoon & Eng A G. Snell was here Peleg & J. H. W. Page called at the instance of W R Rotch to enquire into the St Mill business — and the Shirley project

4th Day 17th. On arrival of the Winslow gave my
direction to my thoughts in addition to my ordinary
& extraordinary financial troubles — Cash Stable and
and many other called in relation to P. arrival
I took measures but did not succeed in getting
my books to the Cg House — Cvg. Went as much
of the afternoon in preparg. to take my lamps to
Taunton — heard in the evg that it was not ne-
cessary to be there tomorrow

5th Day 18th. Gave the day to the Winslows business
Chiefly — paid off most of the men at Edmunds'
Cg Room in the afternoon — looked over the late
News in the evg

6th day 19th Succeeded in getting my books removed to the
Counting house this forenoon — and gave my time thereafter
to the Winslows business — At home in the evg. Stopping
on the way at A. Robeson's who returned a day or two
since from Phila — he reports his brother Jon. quite ill —
talked with him about the mill where there is now
a prospect of the machy. being removed to Spindling where
— Returned early

7th Day 20th Went early to the Cg House and applied
myself to the Winslows business till evg. coming home
to dinner — Had a meeting of the parties to the Shirley pur-
chase in the evg — heard the report of A. Cg Snell who
had visited Shirley with D. Whitman — He gave
the views of the latter on several points differing from
those previously entertained which requires some mo-
dification of the agreement to make the plan desirable
— appointed the officers for the new organization my-
self the Treasurer. if the contract can be satisfac-
torily adjusted with the owners the mill privilege
— Benj. Smith at this afternoon & is our guest

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1. Mo Day 21 — At mtg. at the City St. House & Board
— called at mothers after the car — walked to J B
Kings after tea — and had calls from Benj F H.
Weld & C W Morgan — Rodman dined with us —
Mother & Sister L Hallen coming in town by cars
2d day 22d Occupied at the City House & in relation
to the Windows &c — Called on Geo Hart to ne-
gociate about the Sale to him of my S. W. Lot had
F. Grinnell & B Smith with us at dinner also Rodman
Morgan
3d day 23 — Occupied much of the forenoon with al-
tering my Photometer to the principle of Shadows
the suggestions from Boston proving much less
Satisfactory — B Smith went to Boston this
Morg. & attended the eve's — all the young folks
at N. J. Rotch's this eve's — I spent the eve's
in trying my photometer and preparing for my
Taunton Summons — to morrow —
4th day 24th — my 60th birth Day — Went to Taunton
on an indictment as one of the Stockholders of the bridge
— on ar. walked to Read & Barton's Bnt. works to arrange
for showing my lamps — then back to the Court House — plead
Legally Guilty, as did C W Morgan — the others plead not
Guilty & the indictment was quashed — the judge (Wells)
decading that it sh have been against the Corporation
— after dining on oyster Soup at a Restaurateur — rode
with my lamps to the Mary — as they are only makers
of the com. Portable lamp they were not prepared to
make the article — returned to the Depot & came
home in the ev's train — Ed & B Smith were in the
cars having been to Boston in the mid-day train —

and Thos was at Myricks. Thos come up with Rodman Snowden – On his way to Savannah – B Smith his comp[n] to N York — after tea Went to see Mr Snell who returned this ev[g]. but I had no oppy to speak to him – found him at the Exchange House, with David Whitman who comm on our mill business – I staid with them till about 10 — This like the late anniversaries of my birth presents a discouraging prospect for the future but – but submission to my allotment trusting that though afflicted we are not forsaken by the Merciful Father of all – We must work and strive – praying for his blessing – on our best endeavors to act our tribulated part in this transitory Scene — now with the elder Members of the family verging towards the Close – — See at her uncle Wm L Ellen at W C N swift that ev[g]

5th day 25th at the Cg House &c – gave some time to the Steam mill business – D. Whitman making draughts & calculations for the Shirley mill – called at Mr Robe-sons on my way home on Belle Vue business and after tea Mrs Susan & her daughter Eliz left us – they being here at tea I called there again & left some Shirley mill notices – Delia C T. Shirley formerly my ward died to day Cg consumption –

6th day Spent the day chiefly at the Cg House – and was detained there till late in the ev[g] – by business relating to the Belle Vue House –

7th day 27 – Called at Mary Tabers – and saw the remains of her youngest daughter & the last but one of the eleven children – the mother prostrate with paralysis

without hope of restoration but mild & submissive
under her accumulated afflictions – her high
Spirit quite subdued – June the only surviving
child worn with sorrow & nursing her sick
relatives in addition to her family cares – The
interment will take place from the N. Cong.
Church of which D. was a member tomorrow
afternoon – I took some measures with a
reference to that solemnity – gave the rest
of the day to my business cares – at the close
walked to Ch. Allens & stopped on my re-
turn at Geo Hart's –

1st Day 28th Attended meeting A. M. at the 4th St.
Friends House – and in the afternoon with ma chere
H & Edmund the funeral of Delia C. T. Shoddy at the
Stone Church on Purchase Street – the Sermon by
Mr. Eldridge from the text designated by the dec.
"Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth" was
one of great interest, earnestness & power – the whole
solemnities were exceedingly well conducted and
impressive – ma chere H & I left early to the Grave take
in with Wm & wife intending young relatives
of the dec. – I called at C. W. Morgans to see Wm
after the mg mtg – where with other relatives I met
F. & E. Weld – Hannah Forker was at our house
in my absence with his little daughter – whom I met
on my return – & walked back with them to C. W.'s
where I spent the day & evg at home
2d day 29th Devoted the day & evg to Cg House &
business duties at the Store &c – The interrup-
tions of the day preventing the proper note of transac-

tions till evg—
3d day 30th Engaged at the Ch House &c through the day & evg— called on mother on business She is comfortable & bright — we are all much worried at the sad Condition of our pecuniary affairs — forboding changes & the curtailment of our accustomed Comforts & the hopeless loss of our former & anticipated enjoyments — which my most anxious endeavors have unsuccessfully aimed to avert & preserve — but we must not give up our trust in Divine Providence — but endeavor to bow Submissively to his dispensations — as wisely & mercifully sent, though hard for us to realize it.
4th day 31st Busily occupied at the Ch. House &c with the Winslows accounts — and till a late hour in the evg which was rainy — in going thither after dinner I accidentally Stepped the heel of wh leg on an orange Skin which occasioned a fall and Strain on my inferm knee
5th day 4th mo 1— Engaged at home — part of the forenoon — partly with some alteration of One of Sister Sarahs Lamps — had a call at the Ch Hse from one of the agents of the Shirley Society of Shakers to complete the lease for the mill &c at their place, but as no one could be authorized to sign it on behalf of the Co till the mg. this evg— he left town — Afternoon at home & at the Ch. Hse. & at the M. H. at my House nothing Conclusive was done — Some doubts being Stated, as to the legality of G. H's title to the property &c under the auction Sale — therefore adj. to 7th day evg— G. H & self went to see J. H. Clifford on the points suggested who Satisfied us that the title was valid

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6th day 2d: Had some painful conferences relative to the advertisement of our property — which necessity compels us to endeavor to make a sale of to relieve us from the crushing weight of debt which has so long oppressed and depressed us — devoted the rem? of the day to the Business contemplated at Shirley — had a talk with Wm. R. Rotch on the subject and was late at the Cg House (making a new draught of the Lease)

7th day 3d Engaged at the Cg House &c returned home early on acct. of the Mg. of the Phoenix Cotton Manf Coy. which was held at my house — present in addition to all the members Mr. Grinnell of Boston a friend of D R Perry's, a lawyer whose advice on some points was desired — the meeting was protracted to a late hour — but the arrangements were finally settled on a feasible basis so that I hope it may now be carried out successfully

1st Day 4th Attended meetings at Friends House in Spring Street — at the close of the first I walked to A.G. Sulli' and continued to my north lots &c — returning by Mer. & Cg Streets — at the close of the 2d I called at Mary Taber's and C. W Morgans — to see my mother &c, he arr?. this Mg. from Phil? — all at home and returned early in consequence of previous visits

2d day 5th considerably occupied in recording the doings of the Mg. on 3d day eve — and did not go to the Cg. &c. all day — went in the eve to bro? Wm's to talk with him about my embarrassed affairs — the advertisem?. of my property &c Frank Grinnell was here at tea and on Thomas went home with him in his wagon. an uncomfortable vehicle for the threatening Storm

3. day 6th At the Cg. House part of the forenoon and afternoon — walked to my house on Smith St. partly to ascertain the numbers to insert in my advertisement — had a talk in the afternoon with D.R. Perry on the Shirley Scheme — advertised my Garden for Sale as build'g Lots to relieve in part my Guaranteed debts to the Bank &c

4th day 7th At the Cg. House &c

5th day 8 Occupied much of the forenoon in altering our Lib: Stand: lamps to suit the shortened air tube & to check & prevent any waste in the Dripping Cup — afterwards at the Cg. Hse &c

6th 9th Occupied as usual at home & the Cg Hse &c went to C.N. Morgans fitted the lamp, which I had lately altered to conform to my last improvt — to prevent waste in the Dripping Cup & a more certain filtration then to the Cg. Hse where I was detained till about 9 —

7th day 10th Chiefly at the Cg Hse in the forenoon — wrote to Hy Smith about the Lt. Experiment after dinner, then to the Cg. Hse. to prepare for the departure of the 1st load of our Fraty. Machy. for Boston to go thence by R.R. to Shirley — on return found the directors of the New Coy. at my house by appointment — Geo Hussey was also here on business connected with that project — We detained w. the latter & captain till 12 o'clk —

1st day 11th At Mtg. at Shg. St House — attended the funeral of Robert Hillman — Rem'd of the day at home — W. L. Rodman here at Lunch — Ed. & I went to Frank Emmells in the afternoon — read the Papers &c to keep up with the current affairs of the day — and in the bible

2d day 12th Engaged in the forenoon & chiefly in the afternoon in writing out the minutes of the new Manf. Coy. Saw the Directors on the subject and had a rather unpleasant discussion in the afternoon with H.G. Snelle on the authority given him by the Directors — [illegible] with him — C. Staples meas'd my Garden lots, now offered for sale

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3d. day 13th. a severe Snow Storm — at the Cg. Hse. Morning & afternoon — detained in the evg. by rather an excited discussion with A.G. Snell, whose jealous disposition towards me as treas.r of the Shirley Compy. has again broke out, after as I supposed it had been several times allayed. I think now I had better resign my appointment and let the Company chuse him if they please in my stead — called at C.W. Morgans in the morng & again on my return in the evg to fit leave an article of lamp app.s which I had taken to have altered —

4th. day 14th forenoon at the Cg. Hse. devoted to explanations & illustrations of my mode of Book keeping to D. Perry Jr. afternoon saw his father the Rest. of the Shirley Coy. relative to my proposed resignation of the Office of Treas.r — which he dissuaded me from and had an interview with A.G. Snell in relation to his unreasonable position — whom he brot. to me, apparently satisfied to give it up — Spent a little time afterward at the 2d. mill at Sales for. A.G. with one of the same unsatisfactory character as heretofore — latter part of the evg. at home — retired early — our Dr. Ellen was unwell last night & to day from some derangt. of the digestive organs — disturbed her mother last night —

5th. day 15. — Rainy stormy day, occupied at home chiefly made only a short stay at the Cg. House. called at Mr. Peterman's about my lamp fixtures to be sent to Show at Dorchester — also at C.W. Morgans

6th. day 16. Devoted the whole day and much of the night in writing & preparing description of & fitting Lamps & apparatus to go to Dorchester — wrote much by at the Cg House — A.G. Snell went to Boston this afternoon about the machinery — D.P. Perry was in the the afternoon. E. Harvey & H. Perry were here also in the I did not see them being occupied about my lamps

7th day 17th. Took my lamps to the Express Office to go to Dorchester to be examined by R. Glasson & for lamp-makers there. chiefly at the C.G. House & which afterwards Jr. Comell & others got up. My Scow which through the neglect of R. French was suffered to sink at the Crane C.G. at home - Mrs Chew & expected Bishop Eastburn but he did not come to us -

1st day 18th Walked to the C.G. House before breakf. went to mtg. in the forenoon at Sp. G. St. House and in the afternoon with my wife to the Episcopal Ch. to hear Bishop Eastburn who we expected to be our guest - he was with us at tea and made us an interesting Visit

2d day 19th an extremely stormy day N.E. Gale with much rain - was unable to get my C.G. House books from the Post Office without wading through water - and therefore was employed at home most of the day & C.G.

3d day 20th Storm still continues - at the C.G. House & C.G. at home tried my tin lamp with large air tube - and worked on my farm Accounts

4th 21st at the C.G. House a short time chiefly employed at home - Mrs Chew & troubled with a cold

5th day 22 - Occupied at the C.G. House through the day except the dining hour - had Gen. Harry J. & his sister Eliz. to dine with us - and Abby & Sarah were here at tea - I was writing in the ~~Entry~~ Library - between 10 & 11 our front Entry was entered by a thief and the Overcoats of Fes & Gen. Harry & Edmund had abstracted - The young men went out to apprise the City Marshal of the depre-

dation – which detained the others till a late hour: about 12 – my wife had retired early & therefore knew nothing of the disturbance

6th day 23 – On looking about the house early in the morng. found an old hat in the Street near our back wall – left probably by the intruder in exchange for Edmunds – Ed.d arrd this morng. from N. York – busy at the Cty. Hse & investigating my accts with the houses off for Sale – and continud. the work at home in the evg.

7th day 24th A call from the Marshall this forenoon I showed the Coat & any &c which he had recovered in the at obtaining Georges' and the thief – but Edm.d hat is still missing – He was detected by a burglar my. Committed in the House of N.P. Brownell – and will probably be sent to the State prison so that the Comy. will be safe from him for a time – at work at home & at the Cty House on my House accounts – Mrs Shaw & quite ill with her cold & confined above Stairs

1st day 25th Attended mg. at Sh.s St. House A.M. & P.M. Gv. Howlands funy. all absent occasioned by his extreme illness – his recovery being thought hopeless I called at Mothers after the mg. – Otherwise at home

2d day 26th called on C.W. Morgans Called – Mrs Shaw & H. invited & accepted – and keeps in Sister Pi room.

2d day 26th Called early to send letters by C.W.M. to Fall River this being Pocasset mg. day – I was still engaged on my accts and finished – The result proving the Houses worse property than I had supposed

3d day 27th Walked up South St. and to the Cemetery before breakfast – my first pedestrian visit to our dear Mary's grave since my lameness – it was all in good condition – The Evergreen hedge must soon be beautiful. the Marble Cross & bouquet fit mot. for her funeral & pure. memory – turf becoming green

again by the advance of Spring — How much the dear
Child has escaped of suffering which the others of us have
had and still have to bear — — to the C. House this
P.M. — our Mrs. Eliz.h was here last night & to day detained
by the thunder Storm at the close of the eg — I went
to Eye Hearts Shop to see him in the afternoon but was
disappointed in seeing he was out of time — Jane P.
Jenkins was here yesterday — to return a book lent to
Delia in her sickness — and to consult me on some busi-
ness matters of her mother — wrote at home in the
W. Room & is much better and hopes to be
below Stairs Shortly
4th day 27th. Called to see Mother after dinner the
being feeble with seasons of oppression for breath of late
She was more comfortable than yesterday — I was at the
C. House most of the business hours of the day — had a
call from J. H. W. Page, after dinner in a friendly way with reference
to Eye Hoodless, whom he had seen twice recently, and
was much struck with the mild and Christian frame
of mind in which he found him. — apparently feeling only
love & goodwill to all. — This was so unexpected from
his former apprehension of his character, that he con-
cluded he had misjudged him, and that he was actua-
ted by a different life for which the world had not given
him Credit. — with this conviction and that he was
near his end, and with the idea that I was un-
friendly towards him, and not on Speaking terms,
he felt it right for him to call on me — and give me
the results of his late interviews — and to express the
wish that I would go and see him. — I let him
know that he mis-apprehended our relations to each
other — that there was no want of courtesy be-
tween us, nor had there been for years, but always
spoke on meeting. — I had offended & he had taken my

hand on his return from England — and I did the same the only time that I had met him since my lameness — I did not feel therefore that I had any thing to do towards him under his & my present circumstances — That his unprovoked hostility to me had blighted all my temporal prospect and deeply shaded those of my family — I could not forget, that since the evidence was most painfully rising hourly before me, — but that I bore him no ill will, could forgive, & had been disposed to make every allowance possible for his course towards me, — and had ascribed it to an obliquity of intellect, or a hallucination of which he was unconscious. — that took off from the reproach to which he would otherwise be most justly obnoxious. — Still the bitter fruits of his hostile bearing, which I daily feel in my ruined pecuniary circumstances, ever present, cannot be forgotten or fail to be associated with their apparent Cause. — The call was altogether spontaneous on his part — and I respect Page for his fidelity to impulses which are creditable to himself and truly friendly to me. — If I could feel that I had given any occasion for concession or apology to him (who is now prostrate with disease), I trust I should not be deficient now in making such amends as might be yet in my power. But as I do not, — and the withering blasts of poverty

which have, as far as human reason can perceive been brot. upon the fair prospects which formerly surrounded me & my family, by the course which he pursued towards me since 1836 - would permit me to derive no satisfaction from seeing him now, - and it is as little probable that there would be anything pleasant to him in the interview. - It being recollected that all objectionable feelings of opposition to each other have long since disappeared. - Remained at the C.J. House till evening then did some pressing at home

5th Day 29th Went on an errand to Ezra Francis' before breakfast. called at O.H. Morgan's after breakfast and again expecting to see Sister Lydia & Mary and her children from Fall River but they did not come - otherwise chiefly at the C.J. House - had some painful conversation with ma there H. who is below stairs again on our sad pecuniary condition & prospects. E. Morgan was here at tea - I was at an account in the library in the ev.

6th Day 30th At the C.J. House - called at Smithers in the morng. - found her pretty well - though not quite so much so as yesterday from having slept less well - met Micah at br: Wm. Jeffrey's and saw him with Sister Lydia and their daughter and her three children with whom he came to see our mother - some business preliminary to br: his return - made my interview with them but little more than a call in the Carr as it drove from O.H. Morgans door - I called at the close of the day at Geo. Harts to see if I could negociate a sale to him of my Sc. Water Lot, which he has been for some

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years the occupant — but without success tho. I dont quite abandon the hope that he may accept any proposal to give him the land & shop — in fee with a life right in the Water privilege

7th day 5 mo. 1 — Spent the day at the Cg House rode [illegible] somewhat embarassed to meet a pay. on acct of the Stark mill — in wh. W. R. Robb who is equally liable refused to lend any aid Came home about 8 — Jon Jackson who has been so many years with us as waiter went to Boston & day to endeavor to to secure a berth as Cook for Cal- ifornia. unpleasant news by telegraph from Phila

1st day 2. attended to some of Jacksons duties in the morng. not knowing whether he had returned from Boston — and to be again an assistant — He came however as usual — I was at the Sch. St. Mtg Hall & Rob and called to see mother at the Close of the morn. and Mary Taber after the Mtg — most of the Hav- land family were there tho. being more comfortable tho' sinking to his close — D. Tobey who comes from Prov- idence to see him was at mtg — and spoke in the afternoon — I made a call at M. Tisdales on Judge Prescott & D. Davis as I returned home — where I afterward remained — Alanson Tucker called in the eve. — Read in Wirts Mem. of a Revivalist Methodist preacher who had great success in changing the characters of the subjects of his ministrations partic- ularly in Gt. Britain —

2d day 3. — called at the Cg Hse & at Gr. Harrys before breakfast with reference to the news from Phila of the protest of the 4th vice Col. Dft. on H.G. Ralston Esq. Com. of the day at my Cg Hse duties &c — detained late by a call from Jamison Alvey who came to see on Cotton Machinery — another of our lamps (Kerosene) burnt to pieces this eve. about 10 or 15 minutes after it was lighted — no assignable cause but bad quality of the

lyan - it had been in use about 3 weeks.
3d day 4th wrote & mailed letters before breakfast walked to my S.E. Water lot before dinner - otherwise at my business at the Eg House &c - under great depression of Spirits from the pecuniary difficulties around me and the ominous foreshadowing of the future -
4th day 5th attended to my concerns at the Eg House & bro't home my hot lamp & altered by combining the oil & air tubes of the fountain and tried filling and discharging it with water - it filled well but it would not discharge it - the double headed Valve like the one adopted before, in a movable socket to be displaced on filling, - benefited - but on trying the pump discharge & supply tube I found the same result - through this discharged the oil into the lamp very readily - I was therefore encouraged to try the effect with oil - Eliz. Russell and the elder miss Hussey were here at tea - I was late & my lamp experiment with my inaptitude at eating prevented my joining them till after the meal was over - they are fine amiable young women
5th day 6th Occupied with my usual cares, at the Eg. House &c - filled the fountain of my hot lamp with oil in the Eg. and it appeared that the oil passed into the Reservoir - and it burned without any indication of a lack of oil to the wicks in the Eg. - The alteration is therefore an improvement - it fills more readily and the trouble of stopping the Separate air pipe is avoided. Sixth 6th day 7th fitted by suspension under the air tube of the hot lamp a small tin cup to catch the oil that without particular care is liable to displace with the Oil all of the air in the fountain, & liable to be forced over by its expansion from the heat on lighting, and pass down the air tube

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at the Cg House & through the day in the evg. Called at Andrews who returned yesterday from Phila. and to see mother in the evg.

7th day 8th. Went to the Light House early in the morn & found that my lamps were displaced on the 31st of 3rd mo. with the Coll.rs leave, the keeper finding it more trouble, was naturally desirous to spare himself the extra attention - for his kindness in making so fair an experiment as he has done I am grateful to him, as it was in a manner voluntary on his part - Spent the rest of the day to my business cases - evg. at home after my usual late supper - and the hot lamp again. Success -

July

1st day 4th attended the Spring St. meetings, and also the 5th St. in the afternoon - called at Chs to see mother, also at Jno. Howlands & Mary Eliots - the former is slowly improving - he was sitting up in the bed - read in Bancroft's methodist revival memoirs lent to me about a year ago by B. Tidyman - I like to see this illustration of an influential Sect - his labors having been very effective in awakening multitudes to a sense of religious duty

2nd day 10th at the Cg House & gave some time to the examination of pumps of the Factory tenement and to the sale of the Supplies, Cotton, candy, and to one of my delinquent tenants Evg after tea visited at home

3rd day 11th Walked to E. Francis & Chs Lewis's before Meg. privately with reference to the accounts of our Jackson property with a tenement while he is on his advantageous to California - had an early breakfast in consequence of Edmunds departure for Wooster & Had some con

Sultation with reference to our loss of Jackson's services and devoted the rem.r of the day to business cares & duties — at home earlier than usual but not quite in season to take tea with the family — made D.r Ward a visit — being still annoyed without being affected except as to appearance & articulation by his wound. Frank Grinnell was here at tea & Thos. went home with him in the evg.

4.th day 12.th Occupied at the Cg House &c — a stormy afternoon — at home in the evg. except that I went at 9 Oclk to see my bro.r Wm who not getting home till half past 10 detained me till near 12 — Geo.a Riddell was here in the evg.s.

5.th day 13. At home most of the forenoon at my books and writing a short article for the mercury — at the Cg. House in the afternoon — called in the evg. to see mother who was very well — Geo.a Riddell at tea with us I was too late from the Cg Hse to join them —

6.th day 14.th Forenoon at the Cg. Room & market in the morning and at home fitting my hot lamps in the afternoon, now complete for a model — we expected Frank Grinnell & fam.y to dine but the weather prevented their coming — I was at the Office to put up my books in the evg —

7.th day 15.th At the Cg House &c in the business hours. evg after dark at home — called at And.w Ivins on my way home to talk on the flouring business — Ow.n of our Sons Haverford School fellows spent the evg. with Thomas &c Jn.o Harvey was also here.

1.st day 16.th attended mg.s at the Sp.g St. House and called at mothers after the forenoon meeting — except this, at home all day — read in the bible and in Caughey's travels

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2d. day 17 Walked to the North Lot after breakfast to engage some kindling wood — and gave the rem.r of the day to the duties of the Cg. Hse. &c detained at the Office till near 11 — to prepare my letters for the mail &c

3d. day 18th Engaged about home till late in the forenoon afterward at the Cg. House &c till evg — this day's hours excepted — Had Edw.d & Ellen to tea and the evg Thomas went on an excursion up the bay with the Collector of the District Wm T. Russell Supt of L Houses — and Helen not returned this evg

4th day 19th At the Cg House before breakfast — and again soon after, hurried by the arrival of a man from F. River to direct some of our cotton machy — latter part of the day at home — Thos returned this afternoon

5th. day 20th To the Post Office before breakfast and at the Cg. Hse & factory through the day — after tea went with my tin lamp (large Argand) photometer &c to brother Williams, he being in Phila. to compare the lights from my lamp with his Solar & Sp.m Oil — assisted by Edward & Ellen. who were willing to aid in the experiment, as previously arranged — The Photometer did not prove a good test, owing to the unequal diameters of the flame this however showed the superiority of mine — by — the alternate screening of the two lights from the news paper, or Ellen's fine work, and the alternate removal of the lamps from the room while the observer retained his position before the picture made a more marked disparity in favor of the

crude R.W.O. lamp — Commenced the trial at 8½ O'clk. and ended it at 11½ — Weighed the two lamps at the beginng. at 8½, at 9h.45m and at 11h.30 the result of the first trial showed the combustion of the Sp.Oil .5663 Gill P. hour and of the R.W.Oil P. hour .73598 .. .. On the last part of the Exper[t] the Sp.Oil lamp consumed at the rate of .50044 & the R.W.Oil lamp at the rate of .81203 Gill P[r] hour, the flame of the latter being equally white if not whiter. The presumption is that the light produced was in the ratio of the quant[s] consumed but the effective am[t] in a greater proportion in favor of the R.W.Oil because the Solar Cap obscures a part of the flame — We tested the approximate or relative heat of the lamps at the close of the Experiment, by inserting the bulb of a thermometer into the air tube stopping the surrounding space at the top of the tube with Cotton — We found in the R.W.O. Lamp the mercury rose to 210° and on putting it into the tube of the Sp.O. Lamp, it stood to 140 — showing a difference in the temp[re] of 70° Fah[t]. — Saw A. Roberson towards evg and arranged to go with him to St. John on the Steamer business on 2[d] day next if I could make the necessary preliminary arrangements —

6th day 21 At the C.J. room the after breakfast, till the time Dinner hour except[g] made some preliminary enquiries relative to our St. Jo[n] expedition — called at A. Robesons to make some preparations for testing my lamps

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& R. N. Oil, with their Solar & Sp. Oil — Sarah Howland the ward of Jno — or rather his adopted daughter and Lizzie Harvey were here at tea. I went to see my mother in the eve — & did ma chere H in the afternoon with reference to Martha Whalen's coming here to be her housekeeper. my mother desiring to be again in her own establishment. Wm Howland died this morning — his unprovoked hostility to me for the last 8 years — is the cause of the loss of my fortune and in the Cotton Mill and annihilation as far as I am concerned of the temporal prospects of my family. But Divine Providence permitted it — and in this permission, we must not doubt, that mercy was blended, though incomprehensible to our finite vision —

7th day 22d Engaged in preparing for leaving home for St. Jno. on 2d day eve — having as I thought completed these I went after tea to H Robeson's to compare my lamp with his Solar lamp with Sp. Oil — The details & result are shown in Mem.o book — with similar Experiments

1st Day 23d At the Spring Street meeting A.M. & P.M. called to see mother at the close of the 1st — and after tea — had a call from H. Snell who returned last eve. from Shirley — I walked with him towards the Eg House where I had occasion to call with reference to my visit to St. Jno — I was detained there till quite late — and then continued my writing at home till a much later hour — making an abstract from my ledger — which if an appeal to the Legal tribunal shd be inevitable — will be wanted.

2d day 24th Rose early and completed my preparations for leaving in the morning train for Boston & St John — Frank took me to the Depot calling at the Cg Room to get a document required by my mission — found Andr in the Cay — Drove to the Steamer Admiral Coles. Moored on setting to Boston — I called at Webb Hunds Office — when F. M. W. Conducted me to the Office of Elliot Br. Consul who very politely complied with his request to furnish me with letters of introduction to Secret John — There proceed I went to Chamberlain & Ritchie's. but did not find Mr C — in — Shaped my course after some delay there to the Steam Boat — Soon after getting there A Roberson and his son Andr appeared and at 12 M. we left the wharf with wind & fog — had a pleasant time till fairly out of the harbor when it became too rough to be enjoyed except by good Sailors — I took to my Stateroom about 3 Oclk and remained there all the afternoon — found Capt Jenkins onboard who formerly Sailed for my bro Benj. who is well acquainted in this Eastern quarter which made our time pass agreeably

day 25th The fog with some rain marked the weather on rising but – the wind changed to NW. and cleared up the atmosphere – blowing very fresh We could then see the rocky coast which had been before obscured – from the state of the tide the Boat had to pass round the Head of Campobello which prevented our arrival at Eastport where the boat is owned and stops to Coal till past 10 – We stopped till noon and improved the time in walking round the place – which is a flourishing fishing town – the appearance of which indicates comfortable circumstances of the general condition of the people – the result of industry & economy The boat started again at 12 and we were at St John about 4 P.M. – took lodgings at the St Johns Hotel – and went to find Mr Stewart – did not find him at his home and called at his Office – but he was not in – He however got knowledge of our being in town and came in search of us – We met with him on our return from a walk in the City and had a conversation with him at our lodgings – and called at his house and spent the eve with him – He appears as formerly gentlemanly and friendly but he adheres to his views of our business relations – We staid till the close of the eve and arranged to meet him at his Office to morrow – The occasion

recalled the memory of his amiable and excellent wife long since dead – whose visit with him and his little Mary then an only child at our house – was in strong contrast with – our present relative and actual relations and respective conditions and prospects – Our then encouraging views & prospects of business now all fallacious involving both of us in disappointment – and other untoward circumstances attending my efforts in other directions have been equally blighting till I find myself destitute of a competence for those dependent on me while he is utterly unable to pay what is rightfully due to me & my associates – and the views which he takes of our relative obligations leads him to think that he has been the greatest sufferer by our business relations –

4th day 26th – Took a walk before breakfast on the rugged site of this city – founded literally on a rock thrown into hills & Valleys by the mighty action of nature in ages gone by – The wind a gale from N.W. and cold enough for frost – after breakfast Gen Stewart called – and we went with him to his office and were again there in the afternoon – Spent the time in reviewing the agreement & past transactions – which finally resulted in a definite proposition – to end the controversy – regarding what is probable & practicable with our dissenting views and the means at his control instead of attempting to ascertain

by reference to others legally or otherwise which of us is right, and what Equity would dictate if the case were decided by Competent and impartial men — Spent the day in making some extracts from, aspect. & correspondence to form an opinion as to his proposition or make a counter proposition for his consideration — to be presented tomorrow on his return from his farm where he must be tomorrow.

5th Day 27 made some further extracts from the correspondence of past years — after breakf. we set out for the Falls after walking round the E. part of the City to find Capt. Kenney — took seats in the Omnibus — but were soon set down, as the junction of the Falls & Indian Town roads — so that our walk was shortened very little — Saw the falls; like the Rapids of Niagara — the hill being low — Saw the preparation to stretch the wire for the Cables — these will be about 1020 ft — Span 600 ft — 10 Cables 3 in diam. each composed of 300 parallel wires of about 1/8 of an inch in parallel lines all brot to a uniform tension — and served with annealed wire from end to end — One pier on the west bank is finished — and the other going up — the holes for the iron to be attached to the Cables are nearly done on the east side — they expect to have the Bridge fit for travel in August. walked from the Falls to Capt. Perkins Saw Mills — then rode home in the Omnibus — busy after the

nes in finishing my Extracts from the P. Jnl. & other Correspondence. Mr Stewart called before I was done and we had another conversation and agreed to call at his house in the W^d — Capt Mc Clane leaving called to see A. Robeson - he could not leave as we proposed - and C.C.S. came therefore again to our lodgings Capt. Mc C did not leave till late - we then went to A. Robesons room and renewed the discussion - I making a counter proposition - But it appeared that he had fully made up his mind to adhere to his proposal and to take the Chances of an appeal to the laws - as the alternative — this being evident from the tenor of his whole remarks & manner - we thought it best to close the Controversy - and thus have the matter ended - thus yielding the year lost which under any fair interpretation of the agreement it was his part to bear in addition to the various am^o which belongd properly to us - we therefore parted with the understanding that we would pass the discharging documents &c on the morrow

6^th Day 28^th after breakfast took a walk to Reds Point and got a boatman to take us to the harbor Light House. we were soon there with a fair wind & tide but were disappointed in not finding the keeper there - he resides on shore and only long enough at the L. H. to prepare the lamps for the ensuing night — returning the men had a hard row against the tide kept on the Carlton shore to avoid the strength of the current - and passed several Nets Staked for alewives - the nets are placed with a long stretch terminating

ting in a Spiral with a small or narrow opening — through which the fish pass - and perhaps probably find their way out again — On landing we visited the Gas works - and were very politely shown over the works and informed as to the modus operandi — the kinds of Coals used here — See notes in Pocket memo: Book — On leaving the Works we repaired to our lodgings to be there at the time appointed for completing the Settlement, or release of C.C. Stewart on the conditions agreed upon last evg. — He came with the documents and they were completed before dinner — the small consideration being rec^d. and the assignment of the doubtful claims for the overdrafts by Dock Ham Jas Paddock - and the overdue bills receivable for the proceeds of the California adventure — and the Am^o. renounced 100.000 Dolls. — because we judged it probable that in his actual pecuniary condition — if he were cast in a judgment for the whole bal^ce. of my account — after the expenses and trouble of an equity suit, no more than was now accepted would have been realized — so ends as regards the Stewarts the ill fated enterprise into which we were allured

through the solicitations of Charles father in the hope and expectation of a far different result.

— By appointment Charles called after dinner and we walked to Reids Town mile about three miles in the Country — that I might inform myself of the success and arrangement of the mills of this description in this place — On our return we went to Charles' House that Mrs. Drew might see his heifer and that we might see his children — His four children are very lovely and interesting — Mary who was at our house with her Parents in 1843, now 15 — is a gentle and amiable girl — her next sister Isabel about 9 yrs — named after her excellent and lovely mother resembles her strikingly and is a beautiful child — Henry the next is a charming boy of about 6 & the most amiable disposition & an expression strikingly in accordance — and the youngest — Elizabeth — a fine little girl of about 5 — these two resemble the father — The memory of their mother gives a tender interest to this little family — and considering that they have been so early deprived of the love of such a mother — they reflect much credit on the management of the father and the fidelity of the servants to whom

they have been necessarily so lonely entrusted we took leave of the little ones and returned to our lodgings to tea, and returned and finished the ev'g. with C.C.S. and his daughter Mary. — My day 29th. after an early breakfast (for St John) & Co the we repaired with our baggage to the St Jn B. Admiral — where G.C. Stewart met and remained with us till we left the wharf — Capt. Jenkins, one of our fellow passengers on the homeward trip was again on board — and the frank, & cheerful & good hearted Pilot, the Express on the route made us acquainted with the owner of the Boat Wheeler of East port & on leaving them with another Provincial merchant of the place Mr Case — Weather favorable — but foggy before we reach East port & again after leaving — and getting away from the land — after dinner. — I went to our Stateroom and made some tabular Calculations — and contin'd them in the ev'g. — the motion of the Boat and inaction making me a little uncomfortable at the Stomach —

1st. Day 30th. We find ourselves well on with appearances in favor of a successful termination of our passage soon after noon — fog continuing till we approached Cape Sam — when the wind having veered to the N.W. and freshened to a moderate Gale we had a clear atmosphere to reveal the whole scene of

Boston Bay & the Islands & lands adjacent and in the back ground visible from the line of our approach — vessels in great numbers were bounding on their way about 50 in sight at one time. — We were at the wharf whence we started about 10 Clk — there A. P & self were driven to the Fremont House & here there just in season for their 1st Day Dinr hour — made enquiry after dinner for public conveyance to Jamaica plain but finding none with certainty to be availed of — and with no prospect of an opty. for me to return in the evg — as I desired to do if I could home visited F. G. Nelson or Wm P Roberson — I threw myself into one of the Church going Currants — and was led thereby to the Old South Church — took a "free Seat" in the Gallery and heard not a very good Sermon — this did not however prevent my enjoying the occasion of uniting in the great duty of Social Worship — after the Close of the Service I walked an hour in the Common, the Walks of which were thronged with Groupes walking in parties families squads & couples, or like myself alone to enjoy the delicious air and the beautiful objects & views of that interesting locality — after tea — walked to the N. W. part of the City in the hope of finding the present board place of Hanson Locke but failing in this I directed my steps as I had designed before towards the Church of the Rev. Mr Kirk — I found the prayers commenced and the house well filled — the prayer & Sermon were very unexceptionable in delivery & Style, and correct as becomes the worthy subjects of which the Christian Ministry treats — his views are highly orthodox — and this gives a vigor to his appeals to the mind & heart of his hearers wch might not accord with a more rational faith.

2d day 31st Took the Cars at the Fitchburg R.R. Station at 7-¼ we set off and stopped at Shirley about 9-¼ - stopped into the adjacent public House for breakfast and then walked to the Cotton mill leased by the Phoenix Cotton manf. Co. Henry Crane was there at work on the shafting - the only representative of the Co. now there - Elder Bunting was on the spot and workmen & Carpenters engaged in forwarding the building & arrangements for the Co.'s operations - I staid an hour or two about the premises - which struck me favorably and then took a circuit back to the R.R. Station for the down train, which came at 12 ¼ to 1 Oclk - and at 2 we were at the Boston Station - a distance of 40 miles proposing to go home by the P.R.R.R. I was taken to the Old Colony Depot - and after considerable delay found that the train does not now connect as formerly with the Taunton cars - so that I had to have my luggage transferred to the Prov.ce Road - I then walked to State Street and on my return ascended to the Cupola of the State House to have a view of the top of the Granite Reservoir on Beacon Hill - thence to the R.R. & took my seat (height of the Cupola from the ground floor 141 ft.) - arrived at the usual hour and had the satisfaction find all well - the House & premises unsurpassed in comfort & attraction by any which I have seen on my travels - tasty Spring keeping more dressed the trees & Shrubs in their Sabbath livery - Frank Emmell was here at tea and in the evg Sister Eliza called & I and Ma then & accompanied her back to Charles to see our dear aged mother, whom I found as well as usual. - Ch.s returned yesterday by the - thus has ended my journey - impelled to it by the adverse current of my affairs which has so eclipsed the fair prospects of competence for all our wants and the probable ability of enjoying the satisfaction of the higher joy of relieving the wants & the miseries of others, which we were once in the last 15 years - the results have been less

successful as to its primary object than I hoped - but it has terminated the anxiety & suspense, which has been so painful the last 9 years - and has abated the severity of the judgment to which I have supposed C.C.S obnoxious - And that he cannot be acquitted of all the imputation to which his late course has subjected him - we are in charity bound to ascribe his inconsistencies to the pressure of painful & tender responsibilities under very peculiar circumstances - rather than to any deliberate & positive dereliction from the path of duty & honor -

5. day 6 mo 1 - Engaged at home most of the forenoon - afternoon of the day at the Cg House evg. at home

4th day 2d - Chiefly occupied at the Cg House &c with reference to mill business &c &c

5th day 3d - Occupied chiefly at the Cg House &c - concluded the bargain with Samson Henry for the bulk of our surplus Cotton machinery - evg. at home - our Children including Edmund who returned this evg from Boston whither he went yesterday afternoon, were disappointed of a visit to their Cousin Sybils by rain & thunder

6th day 4th Spent the day in Cg House duties - suffering with threatening of pleurisy - Came home at dark and retired early - an invn from Sister Sarah to tea on this anniversary

7th day 5th Detained at home by my Cold had a fire in the library and attended to my business there. Eliz Harvey was with us at tea - Francis & Thomas in the absence of more hospitable occupation give their time, the former sparely the latter less, to the garden &c

1st day 6th Though better of my Cold prudence required my remaining at home - read in the bible and finished the book left me a year ago by B. T. Sanford on the Revival operations of the Rev James Caughey - He appears

to have been & probably remains to be a powerful instrument in the propagation of Religion especially among his own denomination the Methodists — who are one of the largest religious associations in England & perhaps quite the largest in this Country — The book illustrates the truth, that sincerity & earnestness in the great Cause of Religion on the basis of the bible as honestly interpreted are the main conditions of divine favour and blessing to the individuals & Associations who are thus Characterised — The distasteful extravagance which seems under such circumstances natural to certain stages of intellectual culture & development may therefore be well overlooked for the faith and virtue with which they are associated — A. Robertson & C.H.M. Morgan were in, also Sister Eliza as she was yesterday to see me — they report favorably of mother

2d day 7th Went again to the Court House and made a long morng. on St Mill business. had a call from D.R. Perry who mentioned my going to Shirley to start the Asst. & called to let Geo. Hussey see my letter to Robertson before sealing it — missed of seeing him either at the Office or House and consequently did not submit it to him — availed of the kindness of Capt Edes & Howland in getting to Geo Hussey's House, he reported unfavorably of his uncle Johns bowel infirmity — as at home

3d day 8th Spent some time in preparing my lamp fixtures to let A Roberson have a trial of one of my lamps they finding that their Solar oil will not safely burn with R.W. Oil — called at the Ironmans to have a shaft cup fitted so that it may answer for the larger air tubes like that in the lamps used in my late experiment at his house, called at G. Hussey's Office and booted the rem. of the day at home to St Mill business after tea I called & started my lamp for A Rs and then finished the eve at the Ct House calling a moment at a late hour at A. Rs. on my return. Our Children

were at their Uncle Charles's to tea &c
4th Day 9th. At the Cg House through the day in the evg. called to see my mother at C.W. Morgans these also, calling at N. Roberson's to start the lamp, & returning to see the performance — Rachel & I was at Sister Sarah's to see mother — and unexpectedly remained till 1 o'clock home — met her returning with Andrew after having the house to wait upon her
5th Day 10th — Rose early as usual — and was agreeably surprised about 6 o'clk. by the arrival of Sister Betsey Barrow & Bro. Edmund — the having been induced to extend her absence a few days to see her Sisters & them here, at the close of her visit at N. York — at the yearly Mg &c — I was employed as usual at the Cg House — called at the drugs on the way down & put the lamp in order — evg at home
6th. day 11th. Engaged with our Guests & at the Cg. House evg. at home — had a call from Lydia Glen and Anna Mitchell the daughter of my friend Wm Mitchell, who has in this daughter a distinction for her skill in language, & astronomy — She has approximating to that of Maria for astronomy — She is employed in the High School of this Town. — a bright and interesting young woman
7th day 12th. At the Cg House in the forenoon and after the departure of the N.Y. train in which were passengers Sister Betsey & Bro. Edmund — who then terminated their short and pleasant visit — I called at Andrews in the evg — and found that their Solar had disappointed them and that my lamp was again in use — called also at C.W. Morgans on the same business which led me to Andrews — he was absent in Newport & mother had retired to her room
1st 13th Attended mtg. at N.S. 5th St — which was very small from the delegation official & voluntary to the Yearly Mtg at Newport — I called to see mother at the close of the mtg. mtg — read in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" called at R.R. when I went to the P. Office in the mtg to attend the arrival & the Cars

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2d. day 14 Spent the morg. in home duties & contin'd Uncle Tom's Cabin" forenoon with reference to Anna Johnson's Sister and with Dr. Jno. M. Richmond of Providence in relation to the R. I. State debt — afternoon & eve at the Cg House, called at C. W. Morgans & H. Roberson's point to see my lot on N. Side Schl St. with reference to its enlargt. also to see Capt Gardner, but he was abroad as the Yg Dog Saw Jno H. Y. Brinley at C. W. M's. looks quite well after his life in Calª & Illness in Phila

yesterday

3d. day 15th Devoted Forn. to Bro. my lamps &c from the L House — I was occupied at the Cg House a very small part of the day — The necessity of thus the lamps thoroughly cleaned — and my past experience having proved that I could not have it properly done but by myself — I devoted all the forenoon to the process — R. W. Oil combining rapidly with Oxygen especially when exposed to the air at a high temperature, so that more care than with Sp. Oil is required to keep all parts in nice order, this had not been given by H. Smith so that much was to be done to restore them to a cleanly State. preparatory to storing them away till I could get the Exr authority to take them into use again

4th day 16th At the Cg House after my morning domestic duties were done including the laying up of the lamps &c — Some hours at the Cg House — Nancy Washburn & her Sister L. B. Hussey were with us at tea & C. W. Morgan was here late in the ev to attend his daughter Olive, who came after tea, as did Wm Baker without his wife & Children who absent on a visit at Waltham. The Misses Washburn are Children of the late Lysander Washburn of this town

who was killed by being thrown when driving a pair & tandem. The Baltimore Whig Convention met to day
5th day 17th — forenoon devoted to business as Treas.
with Jackson & Henry, the purchasers of most of our
Surplus Machinery — and to arranging for the waste
Water of the Well & of the House on Sch! Street
— otherwise at the Cg. House — went to the Cars on
their arrival at eve. to meet Martha Whalen and
take her to our house till Mothers House is ready for
the family in which She is to be the Superintendant
— wrote at the Cg. Hse. in the eve.
6th Day 18th At the Cg House & thought the day and
there again in the eve.
7th Day 19 My Domestic & Cg Hse duties occupied
me through the day — attended the attempted Sale
of the Steam mill & tenements but there were no
buyers at any thing like their Value — called at
C.H. Morgans Wm & Andrews on business in the eve.
afterwards at the Cg House for an hour
1st Day 20th At Spring St. with Hill & Gill read
the Paper of West — in the bible & in "Uncle Toms
Cabin"
2d day 21st Engaged at the Cg House & had
consultations with several individuals of the
Sterling Manufg. Co. — and arranged to meet
the Pres.t & Dirs.t there on the 23d called at
Mothers, as I came to dinner where were
Martha Whalen & Sister E. preparing to re-
ceive my dear Mother — and I called again
on my return from the Cg Hse in the eve. &
had the pleasure of seeing her again in
her own House — after 18 mos. absence which
seemed to be a great Satisfaction to her

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3^d day 22^d Engaged part of the day in examining the Factory tenements now, since they cannot find purchasers are to be leased — found a few things defective which I took measures to improve — rest of the day at my C.J. House duties, hastened by my expected visit to Shirley detained there till late in the Eve^g — and then continued my work at home completing the Statements of My Accts with the Ship Rivers now the California boy

4^th day 23^d — Being not quite prepared to leave in the morning train I set off for Boston & Shirley in the 10^25/60 P.M. Train for Boston — met Wm Abbey of Boston in the Cars — and he kindly was the Medium of a payment at Bank, which might not have been so readily effected by me — made an ineffectual attempt to see Weld & Stimpson but they were not at their Office — walked round the City till near the departure of the Fitchburg Train when I took my Seat and remained there till we reached the River Nashua — the bridge over which was burned yesterday, fired by lights in the tempest of yesterday — The Passengers & Mail went over on a temporary Structure — found D.R. Perry at Fales' tavern — We had an examination of the premises — with reference to the Site for the C.J. Room &c —

5^th day 24^th Shirley — D.R. Perry left for Medford this morning — and I spent the day on the C.J. accounts to enable the Clerk to open the books properly, he having no experience as book keeper, being young and recently from School — in the Eve^g made a Call at the lodgings of Mr Snell & D.R. Perry Jr in the House of the Rev. Mr Adams — of the Cong. denom^n — in the Village — He has been lame since last Winter from a fall on the Ice injuring the Nerve of the leg — which has been attended sometimes with very acute pain from his foot to his back following the principal nerve — which was injured

6th day 25th took a walk on the adjacent hills and afterward by the Plain on the west of the stream to the mill premises — and gave D.R.P. Jr. the necessary instructions relative to opening the books by making the entries which past transactions require — Afterwards I walked to & Visited two of the Shaker families — I found neither of the Deacons. Jonas Nutting & Dennis Pratt at home, but held some conversation in the "Office" with one or two of the Brethren & Sisters — looked into their Garden and then Shaped my Course for the Depot & at the Inn & Bar in Boston about 2½ P.M. detained by the Change of Cars at the river — visited the Stores & Mills — and the Lamp establishment where my lamps had been sent for exam^n — did not see either of the heads of the Concerns, therefore after tea at the Pearl St. House I went to see Wm Carleton at his house in Charlestown — and found that he did not think the improvement worth his attention — returned to my lodgings for the night —

7th day 26 — Before leaving Boston in the Cars 7 no 60 A.M. I called at the Revere House to enquire after Charles W. Morgan who I learned was in the City — but not aware of his having been there several days I did not find his name on the book — Called at the Express Office to leave an order for my Lamps — and then took my departure from my lodgings for the R.R. Station — Got to town after 10. and repaired to the Cg House — thence by mother's house — and found all well — Devoted the remainder of the day & Eve. to Cg House duties — Mary Collins with us at dinner & tea

Dec: 1882

1st. day 27th made a Call at mothers before meet'g was at the Mtg. St. Hse. All & Well. Special notice having been given that L. Hoag wd be there in the afternoon, the House was quite filled — He gave a long discourse — in his Style, which to me was not particularly interesting — The very Short Communications of two women in the Mtg. were as edifying & acceptable to me — read the current intelligence of the week — in which I was in arrear by my visit to Shirley — & in the bible —

2d day 28th After my usg. domestic duties — I was occupied at the Mtg. Hse and about the Factory Tenements &c — Our children (except Frank who went to Springfield last week) took a Sail this afternoon in the pilot boat Geo. Steers. from Wh. they returned after 10 — hav'g had light winds & a very pleasant Sail. I was at the Mtg. Room the first part of the Eve'g & called at the late residence of Mary Taber — having heard this afternoon that she died yesterday — She has long been helpless & I trust it is a happy release — She leaves only Jane the only Survivor of a large family —

3d. day 29 At the Mtg Hse &c most of the day & eve'g — except the time required by the attendance of Mary Taber's Funeral — at which Dudley Hoag spoke at length and to gen'l Satisfaction. I did not go to the Grave, Lizzie & a carriage being taken & called at mothers and went with Sister Eliza &c

4th. 30th. Occupied by my business at the Store — came early to tea to meet the Rev Mr. Homes & wife, who is officiating for Mr. Bent at Grace Church — they are young & interesting couple

Thos - left us in the Evg to go to Frank Grinnell's for a day or two to aid him - in his convalescence - in his family matters

5th day 7 M.[illegible] - Occupied as usual at home & at the Cg House - & at the latter post in the evg

6th day 2d. As was yesterday - So to day - passed Cg House & home duties

7th day 3d - Read in the Report of the Com. on L Stores - and attended to my financial & clerical duties - Called at mothers as I do daily - in my walks to my Office - Some - what late at the Cg House

1st day 4th took an early walk to the Cemetery - to deposite the beautiful flowers & shrubs by a mothers undying affection, on our dear Mary's Grave - I was so early that only one person was seen there, probably on Similar errand, of love to those who are gone before" - returned by the way of the P. R. Station - and saw Gov Hussey, on his return from N York - Called to see my d. aged mother - and attended the Spring St. Mg. when in the afternoon we had a good, though perhaps rather protracted Sermon from Edith Griffith of Pennsylvania - her style & manner were uncommonly good for a female preacher & accompanied by the earnestness & unction which are the seals of the Gospel ministry I called at Jane Jenkins' - and a few minutes at

4 mo. 1852

Mothers in the eve — There I saw Bro B & F. M. Vela, who returned this morng. from their fishing excursion with C. M. Morgan & Capt. Tripp to the Mouth of Nueces — The wind having prevented their getting to homeward as wld as detained them a day longer than they desired —

2d day 5th Bells & Guns & Crackers & flags & throngs of people in the Streets in Holyday dress show beyond doubt that this is the National anniversary — I was engaged in my usual cares after Cp & se &c — but saw & assisted our inmates to see the Civic procession — of City Government Engineers & Musicians from home & abroad to give eclat to the occasion — to be concluded this eve. by a display of Fireworks — for wch the weather is favorable — and all of our family. except the heads & Sister Phoebe are out to see the Show or to enjoy the quiet of this part of the Town. with friends who think the excitt of the day is enough for them

3d day 6th Engaged in my domestic & Counting House duties — Our Children went with Wm & Rod Mann and the Perrys to the Dumpling Rock Light House on a fishing & pleasure excursion — for which the day was favorable and they returned late — all have enjoyed the occasion but Thomas by a slip on the rock bruised his inferior knee so as to hurt him very much & spoil for a while

at least much increase his lameness
4th day 7th Occupied considerable as I have been for a
few days past in my leisure moments with the report
of the Com.rs on L Houses — business house at the C.H.
House & Walked to the West lots on an errand this
in the afternoon — and Spent some time at Moth-
ers in the eve — and Called at C.H. Morgans after leaving the C.H. House
5th day 8th Went over the river on business at the
Saving's Bank and devoted the rem.r of the day
to the business of the Shirley Manf Concern which
detained me till a late tea, though we had our
young friends Wm & Cornelia Hussey with us
the father of Wm H. Stacy Collins called after tea
and Spent the eve with us. Thomas Confined to his
room with his leg in a hor.l position consequent
on his accident at the L Houses — I was at
mothers several times, she passed Comfortable
6th day 9th Forenoon at home on Shirley mill business
afternoon at the C.H. House &c eve at home — our child-
dren at Geo Hussey's at tea except Thos. who is confined to his
room with his injured knee.
7th day 10th At the C.H. House &c day & Eve — aside
from my home duties — & observances
1 day 11th Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast to
put some white Lillies & roses on our dear mary's
grave — fit emblems of her loveliness & purity — the
adjoining lot same evidenced that her Cousin Matthew re-
spects. have also a contiguous resting place. Filial
offering also paid the rent over her Cousin Thos. R Dobson
— I called to see mother before ~~breakfast~~ Meeting —
our nephew Wm L. was with us at lunch & he with Edw.
went to Petersham in the afternoon — I was at Shirley L.
M.G. Ade & Pde — and read in Uncle Tom's Cabin, a powerful

7 mo. 1858

2d day 12th. At the Cg House &c in my usual avocations in day. & Eve went with Ma chere H. to make a call at Thos. H. Genis's - rather a long walk to the Northerly part of State Street. Eunice Mitchell and Lydia Underhill are their guests - They have a nice House & Garden prepared to their hands by my Cousin Eliza Barney - We called at mothers on our way home -

3d day 13th. At home & the Cg House in my usual duties - Had one of mother's horses in the wagon to take Ma chere H. to call at Sybil Robesons - The horse was rather spirited - which alarmed my wife so that she would have been set down immediately after starting - Then did not appear to me the slightest cause for alarm - She walked home and in the eve. we went to see mother who was unwell.

4th. day 14 - Mother better. I was at the Cg House &c - at home in the Eve. Ellen unwell

5th. day 15th. Our children except Ellen on a Party to Horse Neck beach - Rainy the morning but they dressed finely & Were Successful by a lovely day. Ellen better - Mother again in the parlor but feeble - Eve. at home - walked to W. J. Hotchs with my niece Clara to hear from thence the Music of the Band - I returned by the way of Hawthorn & County Street where the listeners were congregated.

6th day 16th. After breakfast made a call at Mothers and spent an hour with this dear Parent. who feels the feebleness of 94. and should experience

all the kindness that the sincerest affection can prompt from her descendents — The infirmities of old age should be counterpoised as much as possible with the filial devotedness, which a Mother deserves; and preeminently a Mother like her — whose life has been devoted to the good and happiness of her children, and all to whom she has been connected in the varied relations which She has sustained in her rather prominent allotment — May she experience in these days of debility the consolations of that Heavenly Grace, which it has been her aim through a long life to seek in a humble dependence on Our Common Almighty & beneficent Parent — attended to my affairs at the C.H. House &c and called a few minutes as Mothers on my way from the C.H. House, expecting to find my wife there but She had left before dark — Our dear Ellen is better but not yet below Stairs — Thos. dined at his Uncle Benj.ⁿ

7th Day 17th Occupied by my domestic duties and at the C.H. House &c — after dinner devoted most of the time to business of the Estate, making a call at Mothers to see Sister E. in relation thereto — at Shed in the forenoon on her own account — Spent the eve.g at the C.H. House in arranging in the several books my letter Copies for the last 3 months — Eliz.ᵇ Hussey was with us at dinner a copious rain has blessed the earth to day and its languishing Vegetation — in this region —

1st Day 18th Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast to put some flowers on our dear Mary's

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grave — walked some time among the mementos of the departed — which bespeak a depth of affection honorable to our race — and proves the violence to nature, though dictated by Spiritual views, of the tenets of Friends which proscribed in time past the slightest distinguishing memorial of the dead — called at Mothers before meeting — at the Burk in the forenoon, and both at this and 5th day in the afternoon — called with Ma chose & at C. W. Morgans after tea, at which we had Frank Grinell — and other called in the day — I called at A. G. Snelli's after our return. Hetty for Shirley Village in the morning.

2. day 19th Occupied by my home & C.J. House duties calls at Mothers several times — Harriet Perry with the Jam.s and Ellen to tea — C.J. at home ready. the L.H. Report by the B of Com.rs

3. day 20th At Mothers several times in the course of the day — She had a chill on going to bed last night — which alarmed us — Sister E. sat up with her — but she seemed quite bright and comfortable at noon, in the parlor as usual — also in the afternoon and evg. Thomas absent with his Cousin Wm. at Petersburg

4th day 21 Occupied by my C.J. House duties. called as usual several times at Mothers She is better but feeble. met Jer.h Nicholson there on from Frame this week

5. day 22 At Mothers on my way to the C.J. House met Nancy Maxwell there who arrived yesterday from Baltimore; with her brother John & his niece Anna Maria D. of his late bro.r Wm — J.W. called at our house he saw ma chere & — Susan is ill this afternoon

with bilious derang[t] - She & her Sister could not join their friends on a Sail in the Neo Clipper Pilot boat - I went to bro[r] Wm's late in the afternoon to see Jr. Wm's love and his bro[r] Isaac - who came with him to this place - I was at the Cg Room & at Mothers in the ev.

6th day 23. called at the Parker House to see John Prowd & his niece and and ask them to tea this ev[g] - did not find them in but Spent an hour with my fd Winslow - at Mothers & the Cg Room - She seemed very feeble - Severs after Dinner to bro[r] Benj[n] to ask him & his son & Jr. Th. drinker to visit us this ev[g] - I was most of the rem[r] of the afternoon - exam[g] the box of lamps sent to Boston & Dorchester manufactories - no trial appears to have been made of any - except the woven wick very like the I think - The plan did not strike them as likely to remunerate them by any considerable public favor and therefore they have given it little or no attention I must make a com[n] to the Ch Com[y] - and if appears to them to have no merit sufficient to give the hot fountain a trial as a substitute for the punk mechanical lamp - the benefit of the invention, on w[h] I have bestowed much thought & time will be confined probably to my own use and that of a few of my friends

7th day 24th Called at Mothers whom I found very feeble - it seems as though her powers were failing with age - Her mind seems clear and bright for her Physical debility - Wm Seem unchanged - at the Cg the latter part of the forenoon & ag[n] towards ev[g] - Susan better but not well.

1st day 25 Walked to the Cemetery before breakfast and - after that meal went to see Mother who is very feeble - at Mg Alle at Sp 9 St Hse - afternoon at 5th St. and Sp J - went to the Cg Room to make some Suggestion for tea J - Down to Sermon to attend the Pocasset Quy Mg - went to Mothers after tea for teachers M - She is very low

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2. day 26th Rode with my bro. Wm to Fall River to attend the Parallel Dwg. Mg. — taking mother House in our way to enquire after her health — which seemd better — in walking to my whf. at F. River I slipped on the wet grass by the side of the foot path, and fell bringing a severe strain on my Rt. sinn knee — but no serious consequences followed the severe pain wh. it occasioned Dined at bro. Micah's — he & sister being well — a fine rain fell while we were there — which made the ride home more pleasant — called to see mother found her comfortable.

3. day 27 Walked to see C. Hazard about my lot as surveyed by him & bro. him — made some measurements wh to him — preparatory to making a deed to my mother of my house & lot — remainder of the day at the Counting Room — at mothers twice — comfortable but feeble latter part of the day. at home & our Dr. see pretty well again.

4th. day 28th. Made the Deeds to carry out the kind plan of my dear mother to secure to us our house in the adverse state of my affairs, but my bro. Wm could not give his aid to complete the conveyance attended to my Cy & the duties — and was at the factory — where most unexpectedly the floor gave way near the South end — the timber & boards being destroyed by dry rot — continued my work at the desk in the evg — The Installation of an associate pastor of the Un. Ch. & the tea party given on the occasion at the City Hall has been a source of pleasing & profitable interest both to many of our townsmen — Our Children were at the party & some of them at the Church services. which were performed by men of distinction

5th day 29th Called several times at Mothers who is very feeble to day - occupied at the C.S. House. ma chere H. was at Mothers at tea & I was there in the ev.g also - Our Children at a Party at Geo. Hussey's

6th day 30 - Attended - with br. Wm to the Completion of the business of the Conveyance of the House, which my dear Mother has kindly purchased to secure it to us for a home - and to Cancelling with part of the proceeds the balance due on on the Guaranteed paper at the Com'l Bank - She was very feeble this morng but - revived afterward and made the necessary Signatures very fairly - Sister Lydia arrived in the afternoon which was a great comfort to her I was there again in the ev.g on my way to the C.S. Room

7th day 31st - Mother quite feeble again this morng but revived considerably afterwards and had a tolerably comfortable day - Sister E remains with her and will continue to do so - till Sister Sarah returns unless prevented by acc.t from her husband or Mary

I took my Supper at Mothers to save me the walk home and back to the Store where I have been busily occupied in relation to the St.r and C.S. Accounts - The injury to my knee occasioned by my fall on 6th day last at Fall River, not passing off as I expected makes some caution in walking necessary -

1st day 8mo 1. Except attending meeting at the Spring St. House I remained at home on acc.t of my knee which is a little swelled with occasional pain admonishing me to Caution in using it - Wm L Rodman was here at Lunch and Frank Gunnell at tea - Mother has had pretty comfortable day as reported by ma chere H. Sister & the Drs

9mo. 1852

Read in the Bible, the London Epistle & in the Report of the L.Y.H. Com.ee — Mo.g And.w called in the ev.g

2. day 2d. Availed myself of my nephew W.L. Rodman's Gig to save the walk to the Store in cons.q of the State of my knee found that mother was very feeble — I was there to dine — It seemed as though she might soon pass away to herself as well as to those around her — but she is in a sweet State of mind humble & trustful —

3d. day 3d. At mothers to dine and at Several other times ma chere H sat up with mother last night She continues in a very feeble State — Spent the time I had for business at the Cg House —

4th. day 4th — Spent a good part of the forenoon & afternoon in seeking for a nurse for mother, who seems much as for a few days past — sent Frank some miles into the Country with this object — but all was unsuccessful — dined at mothers and gave such aid as I could in ministering to her comfort — between hours at the Cg House, & at home & stopped with the Wagon at mothers on my way home and took ma chere H — who Spent the afternoon there — my Dear mother about the Same apparently

5th. day 5th At the Cg Room, and as mothers Several times dining there to avoid the walk to my house the effusion at my knee joint giving me Some concern lest I might be confined to the house again Mother seems to continue without much change. Sister Phebe sits up to night

6th. day 6th — I was surprised on going to mothers to meet Eliz.th Fisher who arrived this morg. with Ch.l Sarah &c from Penn.a My despatch having reached them Soon than I expected it would, as they were at Duncannon — a Special Messenger from

Phil.a hastened its arrival — Mother continues
without much change — leading us to hope she may
remain with us some time longer — No chance
H. watches with her to night — business at the Q. Room
7th day 7th Rh continued swelling of my knee makes
me think it prudent to discontinue walking till it
subsides — I remained at home therefore to day —
Mother is reported as well as yesterday — Jon
Son Edm.d arr.d last ev.g from Newport whether he
went the fore part of the week —
1st day 8th At home to nurse my lame knee —
The experience of the past having taught me
that the most entire rest of the limb is important
to the restoration of the Synovial membrane, which
by the excess of its Secretion appears to be the part of
it affected by my fall and the contin.d exercise of the
limb before I suspected the extent of the injury —
Read in the bible &c — My dear mother seems to
be a little more comfortable to day so as to give hopes
of her remaining some time longer with us
2.d day 9th The accts are less favorable to day from
my dear mother making it appear probable that
she will be but little longer with us — her mi-
nistered is unobscured and she views with calm-
ness and a humble trust in the mercy of our Heav.ly
Father, the passage which she is soon
to make from this material to the Spiritual
world — I was occupied with the accts of the
Steam Mill Co — Geo Hussey called on analogous
business — Thos Rhame & his mother in law were
here last ev.g he & Sis. Sydia Underhill with the fam.y at tea
I remained myself to my seat in the Library —

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3. day 10 h No apparent improvement in my knee I therefore keep it as quiet as possible — continues with my figures & Calculations relative to the Steam Mill affairs — My Dear mother Continues without much change alternating from day to day — I am prevented from being with her or rendering her any Service which is a trial to me — Mr A. here & Sister & the children show such attentions as they can — the two former by daily or nightly Service in Watching & Sister Phebe sits up tonight

4th day 11th — Completed the bal.ce Sheet of the St. mill books for one of the quarterly Semi annual periods to be able to give continuous State.ts of the position of the Co.y at such intervals to show the equitable, and Limited legal liability of the withdrawing Stockholders for the debts of the Co.y &c. round up so devastously — No reports from my Dear mother are favorable to day — Mr A. here & was there in the afternoon & eve.g — Gen B. Richmond called to confer in relation to the Bridge indictment which will come on at the next Court — The Sudden death of R. Rantoul Jr. at Washington — on whom we had relied to argue the Case will make other provision to this end necessary — No apparent improv.t yet in my knee — I continue the douch bath in the morn.g and wet application through the day — with rest in a horizontal position

5th day 12th Busy as of late with the affairs of the unfortunate Steam Mill Co.y — mother has had a good night & day — so that Br. Fisher thinks to leave for home on the morrow — She made me a call to take leave to day — Mr A. & dear admirable daughter Sue watch with mother to night — I had also a call from bro. Andrew this bro. Jonathan — who is with him on a visit in rather better health than when he was here last

6th Day 13th Occupied still with the St. Mills accts. + keeping my leg in a horizontal position and as much at rest as my writing will permit — Ma chere H & daughter report — a rather uncomfortable night to our dear mother — and the day has also been less bright than for a day or two — E. Fiske left this afternoon for her home

7th day 14th Spent the day — and finished my St. Mills State accts. had a call from Geo. W. Cobb of the firm of Wm. Cobb & Co of Boston about the purchase of my Sch. Carrier — but his offer was no approach scarcely to her value — Ma chere H was nearly all day at mothers — She continues without much change — our dear Ellen sits up to night with her aunt Ruggles — had a call from D.P. Peirce who was called by my son Ed. for a small job of Carpentery

1st day 15th Our son Frank sailed in the Ship Monsoon with his friend Geo Hussey Jr bound for Boston — Geo + Hetty Hussey with their daughters Abby + Eliz. called at the close of the morning meets. and John stayed with us at lunch — M H Ruggles was here in the afternoon he having driven this mg. from F. River — mother pretty comfortable — Ma chere H there in the afternoon relieving her aid in nursing her. I am stationary in the library — read in the bible — and looked over the news of last week which my engagt. with the St. Mills accts. prevented my seeing in course —

The initial experience of our dear Ellen in watching abroad with the sick was favorable, her aunt Ruggles being a competent and affectionate leader in its duties, and mothers condition pretty comfortable

Jan° 1855

2d day 16th Had a call from Frank Wells and later by niece, his wife who are here on acct of mother's illness — I spent much of the day in reading the papers of last week which I got in my private acct which had also got in arrear — Mother Comfortable — Sister sits up with her to night — Seemed to some extent my locomotive action — perhaps a little more than the state of my injured knee will prudently warrant — though with the aid of Crutches

3d day 17th At home as usual writing up my private acct Had a call from Rodney French in the afternoon on the old business &c — He having just returned from the Free Soil Convention at Buffalo — Our Frs returned this evg from his cruise to Boston — The Monsoon made a good passage Mother was reported well of by Sister Phoebe this morng but she has been feeble to day — Mrs Chase & Watcher to night

4th Day 18th Mrs Chase reports a good night for mother Sarah Wister & her son John arr this morng from Wakefield — the latter spent the forenoon here. Our D Ellen went this forenoon with her uncle Chs & cousin Elizth to Boston — the latter to be treated electrically for her Amaurosis by Dr Gros — My own improves very slowly — Mother has been feeble again to day

5th Day 19th Sent for & had a call from Bros Wm on some financial matters — Thomas & Frank were on a sailing excursion with John Wister & others to day Had Mrs Chase & was all day at Mothers — She was extremely feeble this forenoon so that it was doubted whether she could live through the day, but she revived in the afternoon — Thomas Stewart's son from Phila was here at tea — a schoolfellow of ours at Haverford — I have spent most of the day in reading the Cong Rs Dr Robbins —

6th Day 20th Spent most of the day on the L Ch Comm Report and wrote on Kindred Subjects — My dear aged Mother continues in the same feeble State — Patient and resigned — Jno Wister dined with us

7th Day 21 Day chiefly devoted to business letters &c — Mrs Chase all day at Mothers — Who is very low

– but calm & clear in mind – Sister Phebe will
sit up with her to night. – I had a call from Geo.
B. Richmond relative to the Bridge Case now
near trial – Jn°. Winter was in to see our Mot.
dined at Mothers – the former with our children
were as Geo. Hussey & to tea &c –
7th day 22d. – At my table A.M. read. in the Bible & S.S. Journ.
after dinner went in Ch. Carriage to see my Dr. Mother, and
spent a couple of hours in her room very satisfactorily – She
was feeble but with mind clear & at peace – in the trust
that our Heavenly Father wo. mercifully sustain her in all her
remaining trials – rode home towards evg. We
had Jn°. Winter & Sp°. Hussey here at tea – The former
expects to leave for Penn. to-morrow – ma chere &
will watch again tonight
2d. day 23d. Read most of the day in L. Allen's Mechanics
of Nature – a work of much originality and compelling
great variety of information – in showing the re-
ordained of established facts with his Specula-
tions respecting all visible things to the electro dy-
namic action of the Sun in inducing & maintain-
ing constrained static relations between the atoms
of matter which are the elements of organic and
inorganic matter – My knee a little more
swollen to day which has induced me to be very
quiet – Mother remains much as of late – Our
Dr. Lee sits up to night Jn°. Winter was here & left this P.M.
for home
3d. day 24th. Spent the forenoon in business cases
and duties – afternoon reading at my desk –
My dear Mother had an uncomfortable night
and she has been particularly feeble to day
so that those about her had doubts of her
of her surviving the day – Mary D. H. has
been there all day – return'd late this evg. She
reports mother less languid – with a prospect of a
tolerable night

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4th. day 25 Had an interview with Mr Coe of Little Compton relative to the Sale of the St. mill premises — and in the afternoon had a call from Capt. Abner Gifford about And. Wilkins who has run away from Frank Gifford and lived in Allen's Philosophy — Eliz. Hussey was here in the eve — Mother has had a pretty comfortable day as unless night proved —

5th. day 26 Had a call from J. H. Clifford about the mill business — He was too much engaged with his Official duties as Adj. Gen. to give his attention to it now — and he was not familiar enough with the forms of Equity Cases to draw a bill in this Case — but S. that Mr. Ames of Canton was retained by him in the R. I. Controversy & he would get him to call when he next was here, as he expected he would be in about 4 weeks — that no loss of time would be thus incurred as it could not go to trial before the Law term of 1853 (Oct.) — I attended to my financial business, and read in Allen's work most of the day — Mr. & And. Robeson were here this afternoon — as Eliz. Hussey at tea &c. Frank & Thos. went on an errand to Patuxet this P.M. & Dan. went to Boston this morning returning this eve — with a cold which confined him to his room — Ma chere H at Mothers this eve — She seems very comfortable —

6th. day 27 My time not improving I have kept as quiet as possible at my desk, had a call from D. R. Perry, and A. Gage of Cranston about Machinery, Perry's son was here in the eve — they wanted to hear from Dwight Jun. the Clerk at Shirley who has been some months absent — Anna Robeson was also here a few minutes — I spent most of the day at Allen's Philosophy. The reports from my dear mother a favorable — and with a sweet expectation that she may be yet some time with us — Ma chere H has been there as usual to day and will watch again tonight —

7th. day 28th Had a call from D. R. Perry Jr this afternoon who arrived to day from Shirley, also later

a call from my old friend Jer.h Winslow — who with his bro.r Isaac is the guest of my bro.r Wm — they are from a visit to their birth place and its vicinity in Maine — where was a gathering of all the branches of the family from the points to which they had diverged — 8 out of 11 of his bro.r & sisters being present — A pleasant occurrence at similar stages of life — The father I well remember — an earnest humble friend of very limited means so that he sent two of his children Jer.h & Grace to this place to my grandfather & Uncle — & blessing seems to have followed his endeavors to instil correct principles & aims — Jer.h is very wealthy and the others I believe in good temporal circumstances — I spent most of the day in reading Allen's Philosophy — the cause in settling the transactions at Shirley since I was there in form for the institution of the Clerk — Mother has had a comfortable day & the same was of the same character — our daughter Ellen — watches to night —

1st Day 30th — A rainy day — Mother had a good night and is reported favorably of to day — I have been as quiet as possible — occupied in reading in the bible Allen. Dr Tuberculé & the news of yesterday — had a call from Isaac Winslow at the close of the day this afternoon — Mr Chase & Mr Ward at my all day & this eve went to hear Rev.d Peabody of the Unit.n Society — one of the most evangelical of men — Sue & Frank with her — They were much edified with this as well as the preceding Sermons — Would that our sons were more deeply impressed with the importance of religious observances & duties — — Sister Phebe watches to night

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2d day 30th Had a call from Jos. Winslow before dinner and I spent the rest of the day - chiefly on Mens Philosophy - giving the necessary exercises the requisite attention - Edmund has been chiefly confined to the house for several days with a cold affecting the Lungs - Mother much the same, perhaps a little more feeble - Ma chere H. there most of the day

3d day 31 Had a call this afternoon from D. R. Perry Junr. Clk of the Phoenix Cot. Manu. Co to get some advice in relation to the accounts - Had our friends Jeremiah & Isaac Winslow & my Bro. Wm to tea - the latter who came direct from Mothers reports her more feeble so that she told him she did not think she should live till morning - Ma chere H. Spent the morning there - We had a pleasant visit from our friends -

4th day 9mo 1 - The report from Mother leading us to think she must soon pass off this stage of being I went with Ma chere H. to see her - She took little notice but seemed quiet & free from particular distress - She breathed some pious aspirations and made some admonitory remarks to Sister Sarah & Emily who watched with her - I went with my Crutches and returned to dinner - as I can best favor my knee at home - Had a call from D. R. Perry in the evg - Mother has continued without much change through the day and evg. as reported by our Son Thomas who was there till late -

5th day 9/2 - Mother has survived from yesterday I have been busy with my Bro. nearly all day had a call from Mr Coe about the mill in G. after breakfast - I hope something may come of his investigations. Prepared him to go Harvey - Ma chere H. will watch with my Dear Mother to night

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Read mostly the day in Allen's Philosophy took a walk to D. Wards with my Crutches in the eg- having been much troubled of late with my false teeth - he was engaged so that I had to wait another day - mother Continues pretty Comfortable -

7th. day 4th. Went to see mother rec'd after dinner and had a satisfactory visit by her bed. Side - She was quite clear in her mind & conversed a little - Felt from acute suffering but feeble and uncomfortable - Left her quietly asleep between 5 & 6 O. Clk. Went to D. Wards again this ev. and had his attention - finished after ward L. Allens very able & deeply interesting work on the "Mechanics of Nature" - the most remarkable book I think it may be called of the Age - and well worthy the Study of every one who is prepared to follow its ingenious and cogent reasoning - books of this description I think would prove, if Studied closely useful in giving a higher tone of Character both to old & young. by opening enobling and improving subjects of thought and thereby abridging the time given to the ephemeral trifles & follies to which the unreflecting are so prone to be addicted -

1st. day 5th Remained at home all day with my knee horizontal and surrounded with a wet cloth - but as there is very little inflamation it was rather uncomfortably cold - Read in the bible & in the Hist. of the Reformation - Cousin Sarah R. Arnold rec'd from Westward ward - they have returned yesterday from their Journey - to Trenton Falls - mother much as of late Rec'd Chere H. there this afternoon, since meeting - Mr. Haines returned with Rec'd Chere H. after the Sacred Services and made a short Call on Sister who was not out to day

2? day had a call from J. G. Jones of Foxborough

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relative to Lightning rods to the factory at Shirley and in the afternoon from D.R. Perry on the same Subject D. Ward repaired the lower plate of his work which had become fractured — Sarah Wister was here at tea — and I fitted the lamp to which I had had a larger air tube adjusted some months since viz one of the Factory lamps on bro: Ben's Standard — it burned with great splendor — Mother pretty Comfortable She had a visit from Rachel Haviland who was consoling to her

3d day 7th Attended to some matters of business and made some Calculations relative to our 8th mill Power & wrote to Hoag & Delamater to ask their review of the same to confirm or set aside my results — Ma Cheney H. at mothers this afternoon — She has been very Comfortable a day Edw: went to N. York yesterday —

4th day 8th Still at my table, most of the day ready and studying, mother more feeble to day — ma chose to sit up to night —

5th day 9th Had a call from my bro: Wm on some of my business — He assents to my proposition to substitute his paper for Gideon Allens so far as to restore his am: now partially paid to the on: am: Stipulated (5000) Geo Hussey called in the afternoon he has returned home the forenoon from his Shirley jaunt. He is satisfied with the Manufacturing prospect at the mills there our children took a Sail this afternoon with a party of Jno. Whitridge's friends from Baltimore — and in the Evening were at Wm Ratchi's

6th day 10th Spent the day almost wholly in reading in the History of the Reformation — Rebecca Richmond was here in the afternoon and Deborah Weston made a pleasant Call. She is the guest of A.P. Atkinson the same one of the sparkling girls formerly Elsie Russell & some of the Hussey's visited our children at tea &c. Mother continues without much change the very slow improvement of many years has prevented my seeing her this week

7th day 11th At my table as usual with my infirm limb horizontal and as still as possible — not to interfere with the feeble restorative action of nature — a cool cloth in the morning being the only artificial treatment — except attending to my notes, correspondence & the news of the last half week & the History of the Reformation have chiefly had my time — Sarah & Marian Grinnell called in the forenoon and were here at tea &c — I joined them in the parlor the last of the eve — She is a woman of a very affable & natural manner, which conciliates the regard of all her acquaintances —

1st day 12 — Our son Edm. & this morn[g] with his uncle Edm. & Benj. Smith from Newyork the former quite unwell with sore throat &c he had a visit from Dr. D. Matlack who was favorably reported of this morng — the weather being stormy we had no representative there to day — and our dear Sue was the only one at meeting — and that only in the afternoon — I confined myself to the library reading the Hist[y] of the Reformation — & in the bible —

2d day 13th Spent the day chiefly in reading the Hist[y] of the Reformation B. Smith & Thomas went to Petonskie in the afternoon — the report from mother is favorable — Mrs. Hall & Mrs. Bunn had calls from E C Swift — G Walin Morgan & wife Edmund confined by his ill health

3d day 14th Benj[n] Smith left us this afternoon for Newport & our son Thomas accompanied him to spend a day or two — Edm[d] B. was here — and took Susan to watch with her grandmother to night. Edm[d] out to day by D. Matlack permit

4th day 15th I have spent the day in reviewing the hist[y] of the Ref[n] — the weather raing & cool — so that the heat of the dining Room is sought by Edm[d] & others — of the fam[y] Sister has a fire in her room — I am comfortable in the library with an Extra garment — Mrs Chase H. & D. Ellen watch to night

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5th day 16th Spent the day chiefly in reading in the Hist. of the Reformation &c — The report from Smithtown is favorable — had a call from S. Sexton relative to the old Iron of the Mill

6th day 17th Quiet at my desk in the library except giving some directions & oversight to one of D. R. Reeves' men in relation to the preparation for the C. H. the winters Supply of fuel — Phebe Gifford called on her way to the Select Mg. to see my wife — but the latter was gone to see my mother. She therefore spent the time with me. I think her a sincere minded woman, an accredited preacher of the Society

7th day 18th Spent the forenoon in cleaning sundry lamps & to have the burners more accurately adjusted to them according to my present ideas as corrected by my increased experience — I went in the afternoon in my mothers Carriage to take S. articles to the Acust. Foundry and made a visit to mother who, appeared much better than when I saw her before — She conversed with interest of olden times relating to our Ancestors — I staid to tea and took home in the Carriage when it was ordered to take Sarah Wistar & Sister Eliza to Jas. Arnolds —

1st day 19th Our Son Thos returned this morng. from Newport Benj. Smith with him — had a fire for the first time in the Library — James Harper & Rufus Sherman called to see me — The children except Thos. who has a Cold went to the Oratorio by the Germania Band at Liberty Hall — The females of the Fam. except Sister whose health detained her were at the Episcopal Ch. the Sons also in the forenoon. Benj. Ed. as usual at Friends Meeting

2d day 20th wrote up my private books and looked over the News. Read in the bible as usual & in the Hist. of the Reformation Our young folks were at James Arnolds to tea visiting Benj. Smith. — Our niece Sarah Wistar called a few minutes on her way to Wm. J. Ketchum's to tea

3d day 21 Rode in the forenoon to the C. House and then to Foundry — Rem. of the day at the Phoenix C. Accounts — and reading &c — Thos has been considerably confined at home since his return from Newport with a cold — Benj. Smith left this morng. for Newport. Our Son Edmund with him

4th day 22. At home writing &c - One of Thomas's College friends was here at tea -

5th day 23d - rode in my mother's carriage to Bright-man's and the Island Foundry about my lamps - and stopped at the Custom House about my claim for my experiment at the 2 Houses - he showed me Mr Pleasanton's letter relative to my acct as Bondsd - the old gentlemen has forgotten the conditions - and made a very inadequate offer for the adjustment - Spent the afternoon chiefly in making the acct in a different form &c &c - Sister Eliza made a call wch was the occasion of my riding as far - ma chere & improved the opty also to make mother a Visit - My errands prevented my doing the same - the reports of her are more favorable for her remaining some time longer with us than some weeks past. But there is no probability of her being restored to her former feeble standard - ma chere & sit up night - One watcher having been deemed sufficient for a week past -

6th day 24th At home employed in writing & Reading sent my revised acct against the Govt for 2d Service to the Coll: - In the evg. enlarged the apperatures of the high lamp shaft to admit a larger supply of air to the air tube, now made 3/5 larger than before substituting thin tin for the brass with Spiral groove for the woven wicket wch is superseded by my arrangt - Wm Witter has an order to attend his wife home, but his arrival was preceded by a telegraphic despatch conveying the sad news that their little Rodman had again fractured his arm, which was broken last Spring by falling from a load of Straw. This intelligence will hasten them home with all despatch. instead of Wm making a short Visit as he intended Edwd has gone to Taunton this evg with hundreds of others to attend the Whig meeting - Mother had a less comfortable night than usual and the Dr (Roche) was called to her again to day after an intermission of about 10 days.

7th day 25th had a Call from Wm Witter he is the same humbugging fellow as ever, with much sense and good feeling - the sad accident to his little boy is more alarming from the renewal of the fracture at the left Elbow, but it should be

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dull in a Stiff arm — he is 8 or 9 yrs old. Rode to the Island after W^t Sarah were sent to the depot in mothers Carriage, and bro^t home my lamps &c (Ma chere H and bonne of the sons were at mothers to take leave of our Wakefield relatives)

1st day 26 - Remained very quiet at the L.H.y. and nourished by an increased Swelling of my knee that I used it too much the two days past — read in the bible & the hist^y. of the reformation — which I am reviewing it being a book well worth twice reading — for the information & the important lessons it teaches. C. W. Morgan called toward ev^g — and after tea George Thessey & Hanson Tucker — and later Wm L. Rodman — who has just returned with his mother from a visit at Maurice N.Y. (Ft. Patchi) Ma chere H. has a threatening cold

2: day 27th Employed all day about my Lamps to be prepared for a comparison of my R.W. with Sp. oil L.H. lamps now in use — if encouraged to to do by the new L House Board — also in making some slight changes in the burners of my L.H. Lamp (Experimental) to conform to the improv^ts which were suggested by my late experiment at Clarks Point — and in devising — and writing out a plan for attaching reflectors to my Experimental lamps to their adjustment on the Swivel Shaft & Standard —

3: day 28 At my desk — and in some desultory jobs in (not House — Mary Bailey & her Sister E & R. Morgan & W L Rodman at tea — I joined Sister & Bro^r Ed. when the young people were through — at tea — tried my hot lamp in the evening but it did not burn well has been stood about 3 mos. unused — made a fire in the front parlor

4th day 29th Spent a considerable part of the day in refitting my hot lamps for use — it burned well & much splendidly — except the care required & trouble of attending it it is far preferable to any other lamp that I have seen — ordered the pipe of the inner tunnel used in filling the fountain shortened: and altered the outer tunnel nozzle a little to make it fit the opening of the new double pipe

for filling & discharging — which I think will make it entirely Manageable — I go about considerably with my Crutches, but without taking any weight on my lame leg — the inflamat. is very slow

5th Day 30th attended to my Domestic jobs — and to my Correspondence on business & Judge Prescott called this evg. relative to the Leased Premises on Main & First St. Ma chere Ht at mothers this afternoon as she was also yesterday — The Hot Lamp burned Splendidly — the tunnels as no adepted to fill the fountain answers perfectly —

6th day 10 mo 1 — Occupied in the Morning by domestic duties and attended to my business and Accounts through the day. had a call from Capt Jas Raymond formerly of the Maria — he being about to remove to this place from Nantucket — He gave me an account of the death of Capt John Closson — his brother in law on a voyage from San Francisco after the mining Co. at which he was head from the Vineyard in the Ship Sarah had broken up

10 mo 2d — Attended to some domestic duties which took part of this forenoon — had a call from A.G. Snell who came from Shirley yesterday — Gave the rest of the day and evg. to my accounts. Geo. Hussey Jr was here in the evg. and we had a call from Charles Fisher who has been in town for a day or two having left Wakefield with Mr Wister and taken Newport in his route — he left for home this afternoon. Isaac R. Gifford was here on business P.M.

1st day 10 mo 3d. Mostly in My room till Evg — when I walked with my Crutches to favor my lame knee to A.G. Snells — my Study has been the bible; Hist. of the Reformation and the answer to Uncle Tom's Cabin by a Southern Lady — but the book like everything else in those unfortunate Slave States shows the blighting influence of the System of Oppression to other ages if unperceived by their own The work which she attempts to answer & expose, will ensure a circulation to his own which the merits of the work would never have given it — judging from my hasty examination — it corroborates rather than refutes the conclusions which Mrs Stowe's book leads — Ma chere Ht mother after tea & Had late from the absence of one of her sons to stay

the hot Lamp burned poorly to night — owing to some obstruction in the pipe which prevented the flow of the Oil from the fountain —

2d. day 4th Attended to my domestic jobs — pestered by the exam.n of the hot lamp &c — It burned splendid by this eve.g — John Bryant. Rodney French & bro. William called on business — Rodman Morgan was here at tea — Occupied at my accounts &c and paid some attention to the Order of the wood house —

3d day 5th Occupied by domestic duties in the morn.g. then to my accounts & business — Edmund left for Prov.ce Yesterday and Thos. took his departure in Eve.g with Anna Brinker at 3 O'Clk & bro. Ed. at 4 O'Clk — the former for E. Rotch's Buttermilk & the latter for home. Sister Susan was here She has lately returned from her visit to her sister A. Rotch Buttermilk has Lou Wm & Frank Grinnell were also here to take leave of Thos — I walked in the eve.g to do a few errands. and to get some papers from the Ch. Room — Sea air night at Eben Hussey's

4th Day 6th Domestic & business duties till noon then walked carefully with a Cane to the Ch. House for some papers which I believe did me no injury — pleas.t day & eve.g at home — Bro: Wm was here in the afternoon

5th Day 7th Attended to my domestic duties in the morning wrote business letters relating to the St. Jos. Claim on Ladd & Co — Ma chere H. at mothers that afternoon & Eve.g. She is reported very comfortable to day — our niece Emily was here with her little Isabel, the picture of infantile loveliness.

6th Day 8th Busied morn.g & afternoon Chiefly about domestic matters & the papers of the day — Pele writing in my books &c eve.g. letters and read.g bro.l.y. of the Reformation &c Edm.d returned from his business tours — and he with the other Children went to Frank Grinnells party in the afternoon — Mary Gifford made us a call and I saw her for a few minutes — The weather exceeding by mild — though with some propensities of rain — which were very slightly realized in the eve.g. though I trust not so as to mar the enjoyment of the occasion. Ma-

Chas H. sits up to eat with brother
7th Day 9th. After my usual morning occupations I walked out on some bank & other business — to the Cg House &c — I intended calling at mothers but was prevented by want of time. mnt'g at home in the afternoon. A School Mate of our Sisters at Mr Abbotts School, arrived in the mid day train & is with us — Bro. Wm called in the afternoon; also Thornton, & Waters on business — Bro. Benj. was also here in the evg
1st Day 10 Attended Meetings forenoon & afternoon and walked to see my dear mother found her Comfortable and Sleeping — Saw Wm Mitchell at Meeting and invited him to visit us. he led me to expect a call this evg but the rain probably prevented his doing so. Jn Howland dined the Mang.
2d day 11th After my morning duties I walked to the Cg House attending to several errands on the way — in going down the Cg Room Stairs I lost a Stair & my informant knew not — Gave me temporary pain — walked home to dinner & remained at home to favor my knee — Miss Hubbard left us with the 106 Chatham
3d day 12th found my knee with considerable Synovial effusion this morng — which admonished me to abstain from walking. I therefore unwillingly take to my Crutches again — occupied chiefly in preparing a communication to L.H. Lamphear to send to the New L. House Board
4th day 13th Still detained at home finished my Com. to the L.H. Board — had Rodman Morgan to dine — Thos. Wm called to see me in the afternoon — J Wm L Rodman called in the evg
5th Day 14th At home all day — chiefly in the front Parlor and dining room having discontinued fire in the Library — my Asst. books being chiefly at the Cg House I have less to do at the Desk
6th Day 15th Occupied considerably to day in reading L. Maury's work on the Atmospheric & Oceanic Currents &c. — John Howland was interred to day — I was detained from it by my lameness and Mariette H. by a cold — the others of the family were there to testify our respect for the Dead — Sister

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Lydia left mothers & returned home this afternoon she having been with her between three & four hrs. — mother has now a nurse and is so much better thes watchess other than those in the family it is thought may be dispensed with

1st day 16th Still at home, had several calls on business — P.M. Leery this afternoon — this has been a very cool day wind high & thermometer between 30 & 40 — Read in L. Mary's book

2d day 17th Attended meet. Arch at Spring St. & Pub. at 5th St House — at the latter we had a sermon from Thomas B Evans of R.I. — a good and sensible discourse — Mr Chace & two unwell to go out — C.W. Morgan called between meetings — mother sat up in her chair a little yesterday — I have not been her since 2d day owing to my increased lameness — but hope I may be so tomorrow Edmund left home yesterday with Rodman Jones — and is yet absent

3d day 18th Still at home occupied with some domestic cares and in reading Mary's book

4th day 19th Went to the Cg House & some other places this forenoon — and I think without injury — afternoon at home reading Mary's book which I finished, and wrote a letter to Capt. McKenzie to thank him for the pleasure he has occasioned me by directing the book to me —

5th day 20th Occupied at home & at the Cg House till dinner afterward at home, called at mothers. read in Robertsons Hist of America Pecuniary affairs and their consequences pass heavily

6th day 21st At home and at the Cg. House. called at mothers She continues about the same feeble & uncomfortable from the infirmities of age

6th. day 22d — At the Cg House &c in the forenoon at home &c the even.g of the day — called to see mother and at Sec — dennes — alarming news tonight respect.g the health of Webster
7th. day 23d. At home attending to business of the Estate &c and at the Cg House tête Dinner — attended to some business at home in the afternoon and called at S.S. Paines on business relating to the Estate of Mary Taber Dec.d of w.ch he is Exec.r — es.g at home — the news from Marshfield is no more hopeful — bro.r Wm called in the afternoon — relative to the Pocasset Mg. on 2.d day next
1st. day 24th. Attended Spring St.r Mg. A.M. & P.M. Cold as mothers at the close of the last — otherwise at home — read in the bible & the life of Wm Penn — under considerable depression of Spirits from pecuniary difficulties and their consequences — Wm L. Rodman & Miss Gale were here
2.d day 25 Occupied at home with my domestic duties and others consequent on a leak in the water pipe of the bath Room — went with Macbeth & hired Frank to the Depot — the former went to Boston to get an article of furniture which I think in our present circumstances had better be dispensed with — the Children to aid & accompany her — I made preparation to try my lamps with Robeson's Sp.ts Oil Solar — but found on getting to his house that it must be postponed he being absent, and L Rees & family having left his house for rooms of their own — saw him at mothers — She has been more comfortable to day — but nothing promising recovery — The news of the death of the Great Webster yest.y Mg. a little before 4 A.M. — has spread a gloom over the Comy The bells tolled from 12 to 1 — Edw.d & Ellen at their uncle Wilkins Party —
3.d day 26th. At home & at the Cg House & through the day as ex.d at Robeson's making a trial of my lamps with big Macbeth & children returned from Boston this ev.g — all well. Called at mothers

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She has been rather less feeble to day

4th day Spent the morng. at home & at A. Robertons Preparg. for another lamps Expert. This evg - afternoon at the Cg Room - evg. at mothers where took tea with ma chere H - and had the trial of our lamps there. And.w Having unexpectedly gone this afternoon for Christa - Mother as of late feeble. but apparently only with the infirmities of old age

5th day 28th. Engaged at home - in sundry domestic matters till near noon then to mothers & fitted the lamps for another trial there - afternoon of the day at the Cg House & evg at mothers to tea and stay'd till near 11 at my lamp experiment (see Anem.o book)

6th day 29th morng. mostly at home ie my ordinary duties and readg - then to mothers to clear away my lamps &c - fitted And.w to been there again to see how the wicks w.d continue to perform - thence to the Cg House - then again in the afternoon - on returng home left the Anem.r lamp which I had experimented with as a shop on Anem.r St. for trial - evg readg at home - & recording my late Experiments - havg. used the license from my observations of the lamps at mothers the two last evgs - in going on with my tables to facilitate such Comparisons

7th day 30 Morning duties at home - at mothers & the Cg. House afterward - fitted A.R. lamp for another trial at mothers. evg. at home readg the paper touching the great dec.d Statesman

1st day 31st At Sh. S. S. morng Holl & Ch. called at mothers after the 1st serv - She was very comfortable for her - A.R. lamp went on before I showing its superiority for use with his R. W. Oil - burned 3 hours & extinguished itself

I read in the bible & the life of Wm Penn prefixed to his &
best works — a very instructive memoir — I called
at bro Wms & Geo Hussey's on business matters after
the Lec. Mg —

2d day 11 mo 1 After my domestic duties & daily round
went to my business &c without — called at mothers
& fitted up lamps for trial, and attended to some matters
relating to the St. mill Co. (And one lamp having failed
on the 3 nights of the new wicks) afternoon at the Cg House
Evg at home — Eliz Hussey with us at tea &c

3d day 2d After attending to duties at home and looking
over the Mg news — went to the Polls to cast my vote
for Pres. Electors — then to mothers — Cg Hse &c —
S R. Morgan dined with us — and Frank left this af-
ternoon for N. York to see if he can find any opening
for him in business — finished the day at the Cg Room
called at mothers afterward & again in the evg to
see after my lamp experiments going on there —
I gave my aid with my brothers and others of the
family in removing her while her bed was made
— And. and Phil. via Boston
and reports favorably of the health of our friends
at Wakefield &c

4th day 3d At home in the Mg. called at mothers &
fitted the lamp — then to my business at the Cg House &c Evg
at home — gave a call at mothers to see the performance
of the lamp — it did poorly — the oil being the reason
cause of the lamp — it did poorly — the oil being the reason
worn of A Roberson's bl. of bl. R W oil — Edm went this
afternoon for New York on business. Har left for Newport

5th Day 4th After the Mg duties was at mothers & the
Cg House — called there again at evg — before & after tea
She was pretty comfortable — just new wicks in lamp burn this

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6th day 5th — Mr. Chase H watched with Mother last night — she had a pretty good night — but has Symptoms of inflamy Rheumatism to day — attended to business, calls at sundry places — and was among the Sts until papers in the afternoon. Called at Clifford's office about the suit in Chancery — called also at Dr. Ward's but gave way to ladies who wished his services — eve. at home with the females of the family the young men all absent

7th day 6th Morng. occupied at home as usual called at mothers and attended to C.H. House business afternoon gave the necessary attention to the Carpenters who put up the outer Sashes of several of our windows including the green house — Mem: of the day at the C.H. House eve. at home

1st day 7th Rose earlier than usual to make ready for the expected arrival of our three Sons from Maryland Edmund & Thomas arrived in the P.R. St. 9 o'clock train — Frank remains longer in N. York — Thos has had a very pleasant excursion and has returned in good health — I went to mothers before meeting which I attended at Spring St. both forenoon & afternoon. Otherwise at home — S. Rodman Morgan was with us at tea and he finished the evg — with our sons

2d day 8th Attended to domestic duties — then to mothers & the C.H. House — Pd at the C.H. House & evg at home — Have voted in the forenoon for our State Officers — Wm E. Rodman was with us at tea — The result of the election is no Choice of Gov. by the people — & his representatives from our city — such the political tactics to defeat the Whig nominees —

3d day 9th Mg. at home called at mothers as usual, on my way to the C.H. House — there till late dinner — at home all the afternoon — fitting my hot lamp with new valves — and expect Coal — which did not arrive — Mrs W. Hazard of the Bellevue House was here in the evg — I took her

to A. Roberson is to have his aid in the negociation for a new lease — we came to no agreement neither as to the rent the past year — He S. he 1C? leave the house 4th day 10th after duties at home & at mothers I attended to C.G. House business — there also in the afternoon & with ma chere H at mothers — She is gradually failing in vital energy — and She is about to lose her valuable nurse on acct. of her own ill health

5th day 11th Passed the day in home & C.G. House duties. Calling once or twice at mothers — Sister Phoebe went with Sister Elida into the Country to seek a nurse for mother but with partial success — Thos. went with W. L. Rodman to Catonpskicut this forenoon — Ma chere H watches with mother to night

6th day 12th Called at mothers on the way to the C.G. House after the fulfilment of home duties — Mother passed a very quiet night — but her vital powers continue slowly to wane — had a call from Geo. Hussey on the Shirley business in P. after breakfast I expect to go there on 2? day next

Had a call from Mrs D.R. Perry in the a.p. with a message from her husband who is now at Shirley

7th day 13th Had a call from Andw M. Swift relative to going to Shirley as Store keeper — occupied at the C.G. House &c preparing for my visit to the mile on 2? day called at mothers but found her asleep — wrote late in the a.p. at home

1st day 14th Attended meetings at the Spring St. House and called to see & take leave of mother — Rec. Mr Snow of Taunton on last a.p. and in our guest we had at tea this Eve. the Rev Mr Sutton officiated in aid of Mr Snow all day — I had to make some further preparation for leaving home at the close of this day —

2? day 15 Took an early breakfast and rode with Wentworth to the R Road for Boston — on ar: there rode in P. to the Fitchburg R.R. Station and remained there till the Start P. of the Cars at 12 M. reached Shirley about 2 — Went to Parks, and after dinner went to the mile — D.R. Perry has been here a week — giving his attention to the business going on here for the Company wrote a letter to Lieut. Rodgers & one to my wife in the Eve.

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3. day 16th Spent the day in looking through the mill and over the Premises — The only thing now lacking for moving the machinery to profit appears to be good and skilful operatives in the various departments — and I fear it will take some months to supply this deficiency

4th day 17th Spent all the day at the Factory Comp.g (Room) — Eng.d at my lodgings

5th day 18th Engaged all day with the Clerk in initiating him in the art of Book Keeping on my plan which I consider the most perspicuous and simple that I have ever examined — Eng.d at my lodgings

6th day 19 Engaged as yesterday — Found on going to my lodgings — one of the Hutchinson Family — who had come according to his advertisement to give a Concert this evg in Mr. the Hall of the Hotel — Went in after Supper to hear the performers — The audience moderately large he was assisted by a Mr Heath — the pieces were varied some very touching and others very ludicrous — some pathetic others lively — adapted to the taste of a country Village — the auditors appearing to have received the value of the admission fee which was but 12½ ¢ — they accompanied their words with the music of the Melodeon which is a wind & stringed instrument played with the key the bellows worked with the feet — it affected me very agreeably

7th day 20th All day at the Co House returned in the evg — to get on as fast as possible — the time allotted having expired without having finished the revise & Verification of the accounts — the Clerk having had but little Experience requires help and advice

1st day 21st walked 2 miles to attend meeting at the Centre Village — sat with Mr Fales & wife — the preacher Mr Chandler a unitarian who gave a good discourse on the text "He doeth all things well" — The church & congregation respectable in all points — the Choir very small — Walked back

and found the exercise about enough to keep me comfortable from the chilling N.W. wind which prevailed — Went with Mr Perry in the afternoon to hear Mr Adams in the Village — an orthodox congregationalist — his discourse was less to my taste than the one I heard in the morning — Walked at the close of the day with Mr Perry to the Shaker family but we saw none of them except at a distance — They probably having objections to intercourse on the Sabbath with any but those of their own strange faith — wrote to my family in the eve —

2d day 22 a mild Snow Storm. which set some sleighs in motion — continued my work or instruction at the Office through the eve —

3d day 23 — At the Jack. Cg. Room — and continued at work with the usual intermissions for meals till past noon & the an accident with D Ward's workmanship making it necessary for me to attend to answer —

4th day 24th Spent the forenoon at the Cg Room and at 1/2 Started to take my seat in the Cars — On getting to Boston at 2 1/2 Oclk rode to the Providence Station and remained there till 4 when the train started and reached N.B. at 6 Oclk — I stopped at D Ward's on my way home and left the broken article for repair — found all well at home — wrote a letter for Shirley and took it to the Office in the Eve — The Whigs are out in great numbers to testify their joy at the result of the Election of Rep Clifford Representatives on Monday which seems the State admin to the whigs and the election of Mr Clifford barring Providential events, with which we've all things in the future shd. be considered

5th day 25th Went with my family to the Thanksgiving services at the Episcopal Church — called after the Service to see Mother who seems about as for weeks past Prostrate from the feebleness of age — alive to all her infirmities she finds it hard to be reconciled to her protracted delude to a release from them though she endeavors to be — rode 5 miles into the Country to see a man with reference to Shirley — Which made me late at Dinner. have our Dr. dear with us

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Eve Hussey Called after Dinner to enquire about things at Shirley - Occupied - most of the day & Eve: in relation to Sis Dan[illegible]

6th day 26th Attended to my concerns at the C.G House &c - Started My. hot lamp at Mothers that the watchers may have a good light all night C.G. at home

7th day 27th Occupied at home & the C.G House was at Mothers at C.G. - assisted in moving her to another bed while the other was renovated - Watcher here - It was also there & we stayed tea - I called at the Rev. Mr. Thomas's to enquire respecting a Scotch woman who is S. to be a good weaver - afterwards sought her out and conditionally engaged her to go to Shirley - if the Md be so advised by Mr. Thomas

1st day 28th Went to mothers before M.G. to fit the hot lamp - At M.G - at Spring St. Fell & P.M. - called at Gilbert Howland's after the 1st & at Sarah Hammetts. Lydia Russells & Cousin Eliza (Barney's after the 2d - Eve: at home bro: Benj & his family including F. M. Wilde wife & son. Abel Walter Mitchell were here between whiles -

2d day 29th Engaged as usual, at home, at the C.G. House and by Calls at mothers - She continues without much change

3d day 30th - Occupied by my business at the C.G. House engagements at home &c - was at Mothers several times Sister Lydia watched last night and returned to Fall River this afternoon in the Cars - Our Son drove thither on his grandmothers business to return tomorrow morn: Eve: at home as usual at home Ma above & has a bad Cold

4th day 1st mo: 1 - Engaged much as yesterday in discharging my various duties at home, the C.G. House & at Mothers - She sat up an hour with propping Sack at her back in bed fitted to her & a frame with brace & racket to adjust the elevation to the convenience of the patient - a very

simple Contrivance - Mother Ho cold still severe but not so as to confine her to her room

5th Day 2? Attended to some business at home before breakfast - & then to the Mg House & Mothers before attending the Quarterly meeting of Friends at Spring St. House - Afternoon at the Mg House, evg. at home writing to Lieut. W. S. Rosecrans relative to our harbor Edw? an? the forenoon from N. York

6th Day 3d. Attended to my Concerns at the Mg House & at Mothers to fit her lamp &c in passing as usual - at home after tea - depressed in Spirits at the State of my affairs - which can no longer go on creditably without direct aid from my brother William, the only one of my Brothers who have the ability - and to him it will not be convenient, as his own business, and that of the Po- Corset Company requires all his means and loans largely on his Credit - My dear mother continues with our sensible change from day to day

7th Day 4th Occupied before breakfast & part of the forenoon in writing letters to the Mass.tts Members of Congress in relation to the French Spoliation bill which was left on the table of the House of Rep.ves at the Close of the late Session - made ineffectual attempts to See H Leonard about my Claim from Chs Hoyt when in P Leonards employ.t who refused to perform his promise of small weekly Payments - or when there are reduced to the sum of his reduced wages - Henry Johnson Called in the evg - - Our Daughters were so fatigued by the attendance of the Church Fair &c that they retired to bed very early -

1st Day 5th Rose pretty early and gave some attention to the making of the parlor fire - Called at Mothers as usual & wrote a Short letter at the Office before meeting at Spring St. House - in the afternoon had to any Friends were there the enunciation of the Chief Speaker not intelligible to me

made a partial explanation of the sad condition of my pecuniary affairs to my wife & Children after tea but was interrupted by a call — I afterward went to see my bro. Wm with the same object but found Mr. Bethune there and was disappointed

2d. day 6th. At the C.H. House & in the forenoon till rather late dinner — after dinner continued the unpleasant disclosure as to my pecuniary affairs to the family — a painful occasion — but one which could not properly be omitted went late to the C.H. House again — and late in the eve. called at Geo Hussey's — and to see my brother Wm and tell him critical crisis to which I was brot — that I must lean on him or fall — He listened kindly and said he would consider the subject requesting a particular acct. of my indebtedness &c

3d. day 7th. Spent the day in preparing at the C.H. House & to leave tomorrow for Shirley — After dinner in preparing a lamp to take with me — having found the Solar lamp used when I was there last very unsatisfactory, continued my preparation at the C.H. House & at home in the eve. Anna Miles & her Sister Josephine Perry were with the family at tea — I could not be with them & Thos & Frank have gone to Petompskie

4th day 8th Shirley — Disappointed by the Coachmen for the morning train I availed of that of the mid day & arr. in Boston about 1 Oclk. and after going to the R.R. Depot for Fitchburg I made a call on my aunt Lydia Rotch who now lives in Boston. She is nearly blind but otherwise better than of late Her sister Ruth is with her — very comfortably accommodated with 3 rooms on the first floor of Mr. Dorrilon's 83 Pinkney Street — Started for Shirley at 4 & arr. about 6 at Fales — had interview and consultation with Dr Fales — President & A.G. Snell agent & a young man who is a Perry

candidate for the Station of Storekeeper — wrote a letter to Bro Ben
5th Day 9th This is my mothers 95th Anniversary — her situation
prostrate with age is less favorable for the usual observance
than in former years — The attention of the family circle
& friends in kindly calls will however be acceptable to her
devoted myself to the business of the Ofc House through the
day & eve — till 9 Oclk
6th day 10th Rose very early & repaired to the Office long
before the bell of the Factory Summons the workmen & women
continued my attention to the Accounts & disputes the while
occupied with the Clerk at the Office till near mid-
night to be able to leave for home in the morning —
7th day 11th after a light & hasty breakfast joined the train
at 8 Oclk for Boston — rode to the Boo. & P. Station. and
then Called on Several friends — & at Several places on busi-
ness — wrote a couple of letters at Weld & Minots Office
and then walked to the Cars — had the Co of Hanson Tuck
er on the ride — and got home about 6 in Oclk and have
the happiness to find all well & more ready to them when I
left home —
1st day 12 Attended Spring St. meeting called at the close of the morn
Meeting to see mother but She was asleep — did some necessary
writing — had a call and conference after the 2d mg. with Gu
Harvey — Hetty was with him — A. Roberson P. called at tea
time & staid half the Eve — Hanson Tucker was here later
— Mary Roberson and bro Benj & Susan were here before dinner
2d day 13th Rose early to get some letters to Hanson Tucker
to go to Boston — walked to A. Ri & thence to the RR. where I
arrived of them they just going in the forward Car — after
attending to some pressing business and cast my Vote I left
in the 9 and day train for Providence to get Insurance on
our Cotton Machinery — & returned in the afternoon train
— Went to mothers in the eve — and Spent the evening at home with the Young Folks
3d day 14 Attended to my Concerns at the Office & at Re —
called at L Russells to advise Mary to have D Bartlett to see &
give his opinion of the treatment required by her Lame knee —
there to the Office & a day Sch St Hse — at home rather late — our children
have the branches of the Perry family with them this eve

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4. day 15th Attended to my various duties at home as mother's and at the Cg House — Called on Wm Hunt after dinner in relation to my water Lot adjoining his whf
at Lg. at home

5th day 16th At the Cg House &c — some time at mother's — Saw her in her large Chair — to which she was removed by the New Nurse Mrs Reynolds & the females of the family — and removed back again — though a difficult Operation from mothers utter helplessness. and the tenderness of her person. I was at home in the eve. though rather late as tea

6th day 17th Rose early and was occupied nearly all day in writing at home in relation to the Bellevue & my divers affairs — Called at mothers about noon — and after writing some letters after tea at the Store made a Call at Robeson's relative to the lease of the Bellevue House — Our Children at S. Randall's "Reception"

7th day 18th Occupied at home, the Cg. House Calling at mothers as usual & fit her lamp &c. She continues without much change

1st day 19th Attended M.S. at Spring St. House All. and at Fifth St. House P.M. Called at mothers in the forenoon. and to see Mary Gifford at the Close of the afternoon meeting — having been at D. Hands visg. after breakfast to try the success of his new experiment of his artistic Skill —

2. day 20th Made a new trial of the hot lamp at mothers having had a small addition to the Valve tube by Allen Kelly who made the throttle Valve — gave my time to the Cg. House & other pressing duties — having a view to a temporary absence from home at Shirley

3. day 21st Applied myself to completing my preparations for going to Shirley — involving as usual an anxious inspection of my pecuniary liabilities early due — and the needed appropriation of my meagre resources to meet them — Filled a brass burner to the Standard lamp at mothers — and was up very late to complete my ar-

rangements for leaving tomorrow after making a Call at James Arnolds relative to the Billerica, and Dr Gw Hussey with reference to the Candidates offering through the Post Office for the post of Light Keeper at Shirley

4th Day 22 Set off in the early train for Boston — and ~~debarked~~ went to the Fitchburg Rail Road Station while I called to see Henry A. Johnson, relative to the Chart of Buzzards bay and the Rivers — As he had not rec'd my letters on this subject, I took the omnibus for Cambridge — and examined the College library for the Chart without success — On the recommendation of the Librarian I left for the Office of Lieut Davis & the Am. Nautical Almanack, to enquire if he had any knowledge of the Chart in question, but the Omnibus by which I was to return to town coming by, I was obliged to forego the Call, and joined it to take my Seat in the 12 Oclk train for Shirley Village where I arrived soon after 2 — Went to the Factory after dinner and wrote to Lieut Davis & Dr Hussey in the eve — taking my quarters as usual at Fales' House. A.G. Snell made a trip to Boston to day

5th day 23. Shirley — I applied myself to the account books of the Agent all day — and continued my attention to them after tea till about midnight — staying later at the Office than I probably should have done, on account of a Ball at the House, which I wished to avoid as much as I could. Retired with J. to bed — without being incommoded (except by the Fumes of Tobacco which pervaded the house proper) though the dancing &c was continued several hours after. The weather which was very cold the morning of yesterday had so softened that the indications of rain, it is said prevented a more full attendance on the Festivities of the eve

6th Day 24th The heat in the mill having been found quite insufficient for the successful working of the machinery — The agent & I had an interview with Jonas on the subject — and on other points about the Mill that required his attention — referred to the lease with reference to the subjects of Complaint, and he seemed at first disposed to avail himself of a mistake of the Lawyer who wrote it to repel his liability for the heat of the Press Room but appeared afterward to relinquish it — and I had, also A.G. Snell, the impression that he would seek and execute the necessary measures for remedying the evils —

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though his habits of delay had become so well known to the latter that he probably had less confidence than I – (the impossibility of drying the yarn for the webs has obliged the looms or many of them to continue at rest – I was busy with the clerk on the books till about finishing of the day 25th. This being Christmas – most of the hands are out of the mill – but the wheel is kept running for the Dressers – roads very wet from the thawing snow &c busy till late again in the Factory office

1st. day 26th. Walked to Shirley Centre to the Unitarian meeting in the forenoon – and went to the Universalist's meeting in the afternoon, and to the baptist's in the eve – which is held on a temporary arrangt., promoted by Mr. Snell, in the Village School house – finished the eve at my lodgings and retired earlier than usual

2d. day 27 My work on the books and accounts drawing to a close – I made another attempt to see Jones about the deficiences experienced in the mill – but learned that he was absent at Boston – Mill and I thereupon called on him at the Office of the Society after tea, when he seemed to have returned to the position which the Shares in the Lease will of itself warrant but which the circumstances attending the negociation utterly refutes – We spent the eve. without his yielding the point though I spoke with plainness – and I returned with a less exalted opinion (or Idea) of his Candor & integrity – I stopped at the Q. Room some time – but before parting we made an appointment to meet him and Elder Groves, and perhaps others of the influential men of the Society – to see if they would not be more accessible to a correct view of the Subject – with the hope of this result I concluded to post home my return home another day –

3d. day 28th. Spent the day at the Factory Office mov-

ing less than I should have done, on acct of a cold and the wet state of the Roads occasioned by the dissolving snow of last night and the rain of to day — after tea rode with A.G. Isele & Leonard Aber to the Shakers' Village — and spent the Eve'g. with Elder Groves & Holden & Deacon Nutting — after a free discussion of the matters in question, and reference to the Lease, and a simultaneous agree't. with reference to future improvements then unexecuted — in the latter of which our view of their obligation is explicitly recognized — the other Party retired for consultation apart — and when they returned signified that they acceded to our claims and that they would take prompt means to meet our expectations — Thus the Conference seems not to have been in vain — and I hope there will be no new ground of difference between the contracting parties — It was decided that J. Nutting & A.G. Isele should go to Boston to-morrow to get the requisite information & initiate the proper action to surmount our difficulties

4th. Day 29th. left Shirley this morning at 8 A.M. and got home about 1½ P.M. — Somewhat troubled with a cold so that I remained at home the rem'r. of the day — found our sons all absent — saw Frank in Boston — Ed'd & Thos. it appears were also there though he did not know — the others of the family I found well — mother quite well for her — Ed'd & Thos returned & were at W.L. Rodman's Supper given for them

5th. Day 30th. Called to see mother and devoted myself to the arrears of business consequent on my absence.

6th. Day 31 — Spent considerable time in measures for getting a lamp for Thomas to use at Bloomsburg — and was late at m'g. at the Ch. House — Thus another Year has run its course and is henceforth to be numbered among the past — It is has been a year of trouble anxiety and Care to me and ours — incidental on our Embarrassed affairs —

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A very stormy day with much rain has ushered in the year my private concerns have occupied me at home & at the C.G. House – I called at mothers only – and very few calls were made in the Town – I believe. On Thomas. in prospect of his departure for Penn.a in a few days made as many as he well could considering the state of the weather – the usual exchange of New year's remembrances however took place – and it was probably scarcely cheerful within doors if gloomy without

1.st Day 2.d Attended meeting at the Spring St.t House a change was apparent in the Class.s of the forward seats – Jos. Davis being Left in the upper seat with Wm. C. Taber and Wm. Richardson in that below Edmund Gardner Dan.l Davis & Wm Gifford Prayer was offered by Rachel Howland. Sermon by Susan Rodman

2.d day 3.d Considerably occupied in looking up & exam.g a lamp to be altered to my Patent for Thomas & take to Penn.a my C.G. House duties took up the rem.s of the day & kept me at the desk till very late in the ev.g –

3.d day 4.th Gave further attention to Tho.s Lamp and gave orders for the alterations required – a severe snow Storm in the afternoon & Eve.g – Thos & Edmund made a supper for their particular male friends – as a return compliment for the attentions in this line Shewn to the former in view of his departure from Town – I went to mothers to tea and returned to the C.G. House where I remained till near midnight – and came home through the raging Storm – Thos & his friends were later at their parting

4.th day 5.th Chiefly occupied with my Cares as home & duties at the C.G. House – Calling as usual at mothers On coming home to tea. intended to return to Mr J. I found Frans & Meriam Grinnell here at tea – I was detained till their departure, and somewhat later by a call from C.W. Morgan to go home with his daughter Clara (who was visiting at Alex.r Gibbs'. I left on their return for the C.G. House where I was occupied till near 12 – My return so late to the C.G.

being made necessary to see to the sale & disposition the body as well as some business of pressing importance —

5th day 6th Forenoon at the Cg House &c — afternoon at home till Thos. departure at 4 Oclk for New York — The delay of the workmen in completing some of the small appendages or appl. for convenience keeping it in order prevented the packing of Thos. lamp seasonably to go with him — it must therefore follow him by Express with his books &c — It is a painful separation of family ties to have our Son leave us for a distant residence — but the opening seems too advantageous — in my embarrassed circumstances, which deprives them of the capital for doing business here, which our sons had reasonably expected to be allowed to pass by — The concern which he is to manage at Bloomsbury is owned Chiefly by his Uncles Wm & Charles who will give him greater encouragt. than they w.d to one not so allied, and from their visits & his to us occasionally lessens the feeling of Separation which we sh. otherwise have

Jno. Walter Mitchell accompanied him to N. York and Wm Hussey, wife & Sister Sarah were also with him on the route to that Point — We had Franks' affianced friend Elez. with us at tea — and I was with Jno. at home in the evg

6th Day 7th Engages at the Cg House &c calling as mothers much of the day — looked up Thos. mother to dine a little in the family and sent my Sleigh to the Rail Road to go to Shirley — came from the Cg House a little after dark and remaining at home

1st Day 8th fitted my own & mothers lamps — hers having been sometime out of use for want of new wicks attended to some domestic wants — and applied myself to Cg House duties &c till evg — — at home after a rather later supper than that of the family, generally — Edm.d has been as low since 5th Day on account of his health — Dr. Matlis saw him on the occasion —

1st Day 9th called at mothers before meeting — was at Spr.g St. House A.M. & P.M. at home in the evg — & with 2 exceptions through the day — principal read the arrears of the S. W. Advr which my time did not permit me to see as they came

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2. day Engaged at the Cg House and elsewhere in discharge of my Curt. duties — called at mothers — and wrote at home in the ev^g — later than the fam^y. at tea Abby Hussey & E. Morgan with them & Ch. called in the ev^g to see his daughter home — neither of whom dressed me from my engagements —

3. day 11 Went to the Cg House about day light and to Fairhaven in the forenoon — rem^r of the day occupied by my current Corresp^l duties — ev^g. at home. Bro^r Benj. & Sister Susan were here in the ev^g

4th day 12 Occupied as usual at home, at the Cg House &c — at home in the ev^g —

5th day 13 a severe Snow Storm, and Gale of several days at N.E. at the Cg. House & at mothers in the forenoon afternoon spent chiefly in boxing up a lamp to be sent to Thomas — had a call from Geo. Estes respecting the Hay Scale &c — Storm continues, went to the Cg House in the ev^g to put my books in safety from fire & rain returned — Snow about 1 foot deep &c. but considerably drifted but the dense state in w^h it fell somewhat lessen the drifting by the Gale

6th day 14 Rose early and cleared paths in the Snow in the yard — at the Cg. House &c afterward — calling at mothers, who is pretty well again for her — returned home soon after dark

7th day 15 Spent the day in the usual round of duties — returned to the Cg Room after tea, though delayed in gaining access thereto by accidentally leaving the Key in the door which was taken out by another of the occupants of the building — the impropriation for going to Philada early in the week made this ev^g work there expedient —

1st day 16 Went to see mother before Meet^g. and called at Geo. Richmond's — Attended Meetings A.M. & P.M. at the Spring St. House looked over the later Papers and — read in the life of Rob^t

2: day 17 Busily occupied in making my arrangements for leave for Shirley tomorrow, at the Cg. House &c — part of the Evg. at the Cg House, Called at Mothers to take leave but found her asleep — She has been more feeble these few days

3: day 18th left in the Early train for Shirley — Stopped at Canton to see Ellis Ames in relation to the proposed Petition in Chancery to make the colleages of the Steam Mill be at their Part of the loss of the Co — remained with him till near the time of the arrival of the 2: train from N. Bedford, which I joined and was in Boston about 2 P.M., sent my trunk to the Fitchburg R Road and called at Alvin Patterson's — subsequently at Weld & Minots office, but found them absent — then to the Fitchburg Station, left at 4 and was at Shirley about 6 o'clk. Found them at the Inn preparing for a Firemen's Supper — after my simple meal I went to the Factory Cg House, and was occupied there till the close of the Evg — found a fresh fall of Snow in addition to that of the mid of the week — to protect myself from cold & wet feet in walking through it I bot. a Pair of very large Rubber boots, which promise entire protection in these respects — A.G. Snell & the Store keeper absent in Boston

4th day 19th Spent the day at the Accounts at the Office returning to the Inn to eat & Sleep — A.G.S. & Hathaway returned this Evg having purchased a small Stock of Goods for the Store

5th day 20th Occupied as yesterday through the day & Evg — The Goods received partly opened and some alterations were made to admit of the arrangt. according to Mr. Hathaway's judgment

6th day 21st I continue my work on the accts &c some of the Goods were opened and arranged — Hathaways health seems precarious — I continue at my post till midnight. got back to the Inn after the Dancing party had dispersed. the weather fine and Sleighing very good, had an interview with Thomas Holden of the Shaker Society this afternoon relative to the difficulties which we have met with since I

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was here before — as at our former interview he seem disposed that all should be right as far as they are concerned — and he is one of the most influential of the leaders.

7th day 22 Rose early and went to the C.H. before breakfast — to be ready to start for home at noon — This I effected though I should have been glad of another half day got to Boston at the usual time and — after calling at Abm Patterson's — and writing a letter to Shirley I took passage in the 4 P.M. train for home, whither I arrived at the usual time, and had the satisfaction to find all well the children having gone with a sleighing party to Petompsk — I found brother Edmund here on a visit to us he having arr on 4th day. I called to see mother in the ev — found her rather better than when I left, she having been in her chair to day & yesterday. made a short ev. at home & retired early to make up for late visits at Shirley —

1st day 23 — called to see mother at the close of the afternoon meeting at Spring St. where I was also in the morng — found her very bright & sociable — read and finished the Memoir of Robt Hall prefixed to the abridged? edition of his Sermons — I called before ev. at G. B Richmond's to learn the result of the bridge trial — and to get the Washington document relating to the Sounding of the harbor — it did not arrive in time to be used on the trial — The judges have not yet given their decision

2d day 24th. Occupied chiefly at home writing relative to the tracings of the old chart — of the harbor on a larger Scale if it exist — most of the forenoon — afternoon & ev. at the C.H. Examining Statutes for Laws of Canton relative to the St. mill Concerns — which detained me till a late hour — the pressure of my business prevented my calling at mothers to day — Mrs Chere H. who was there reports her about the same or perhaps rather less bright than yesterday

3d. day 25th. Engaged by the passing duties of the
Season made anxious and depressing by the financial
troubles which still more nearly threaten me - Oh.
that deliverance from them may some day be granted
before I die - though the long wearisome night of
trouble yet shows no dawn - I was at the Cg House
in the afternoon and Eve. I called twice at
Mothers -
4th. day 26th. Occupied with my home & Cg House duties - more
especially those relating to the Shirley Concern of which at this
time considerable responsibility devolves on me; at Mothers as usual
5th. day 27th. Occupied as heretofore, in my preparations for
the State[t] to be filed in the County Clerks office at Shirley
Called at Mothers. in passing - The night quite comfortable
6th. day busy at home & at the Cg House - Walter, the old man
who has attended to the fires - being disabled by Rheumatism
I had Patrick to come there two mornings - to whom I gave
my attention, wishing to have an improvem[t] in the kindling
of the kitchen fires - The flues were found much clogged
with ashes & were cleared this morg - I finished the mile
Stat[t] and had the requisite Signatures of the other Officers
attached - and attested it before a Justice in the morg -
7th. day 29 had a call in morg. after breakfast from James Brad
in regard to the Onondaga Salt Co[y] - with respect to which he
has had interviews with me & Wm & Chl the last two of these
days - I called at his house after dinner to point out an
omission in his State[t] of Dec[r] 4th and gave some time to a con
ference with Wm & Chl on the subject - we all agree that
it is not expedient to accede to the Proposition from Syracuse
Sarah Ann Cheever & Eliz[a] Hussey were here at tea - I had
to leave them to pursue my business at the Cg House
twice - as Mothers & Charles twice each in the course of
the day -

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1st Day 30 Went to the Office (Post) before breakfast and was at the Mtg St Mg with bro. Edw. Abbot Peke called at mothers at the close of the 2 mtg. Read in Hallets Memoirs & the bibble

2d day 31 busily engaged at the Cg House & at home & evg. at the Cg. Room called at mothers She was comfor

3d day 2d mo. 1 Went with Susan to the Cars at 10 A.M. was at mothers - and had her carriage on the occasion Susan went to make a visit at Eliz L. Wells Jam.a Plain - I put her under the Care of the G E Pope - bro Edw.d Son Edw.d left this afternoon for New York - I was busily engaged at the Cg Hse - day & Evg

4th day 3d At the Cg House most of the day & evg - called at mothers and saw her in her Canton Chair bound by Sylvia Nye -

5th day 3d Assiduously Engaged at the St mill and day & Evg - detained till past midnight - preparing Balance Sheet for Ames the Chancery lawyer &c Canton - Eliz L. Morgan here at tea & returned with her cousin Ellen & sen.d the night (from the party at L. Plummers) - Mother was very comfortable again in her Chair read or looked over her old letters

6th day 4th Occupied through the day at the Cg House & took the Rotch Wharf Cg books to the house in the evg - was at mothers - and Mia chose H. took tea at Sybil Rob inson - J. Arnold called to request the Wharf Mtg post pone or anticipate on acc.t of an Evg party at his house,

7th day 5th chiefly occupied at home and the Cg House and the Rotch Wharf. Cg accounts preparatory to the annual Meet.g here at 6 p.m this evg - - The Mtg was held as propos and I was at home engaged with S. Ames afterwards except on going to the Post Office & Cg Room - The Gas lights were in ope ration generally as far as arranged, in the Streets Shops and dwel lings - Saw Mother in her chair today again quite comfort able apparently -

1st Day 6 – Attended mg. at Spring St. House called at mothers after breakfast. read in the bible – and in the evg I looked over the papers wch I had not been able to do through the week –

2d day 7th Engaged chiefly at home in writing up the proceedgs. of the Scotch Whf. mf. &c &c and in preparg. for the meetings of the St Charles Coy. & Phoenix Cotton mf. Coy both of which by the by Laws are fixed for this evg. which occupied me till near mid night at the Office –

3d day 8th Chiefly occupied about the Accounts of the Corporate Companies – preparing for the directors meetg. of the new Coy – this evg – when some unpleasant indications of dissatisfaction on the mind of the agent who left to day for Shirley were stated by the other members – as evinced at the close of the meetg. last evg – and before his departure to day – this meetg. with the time of writg to the agent to give the Vote of his non appointment as agent – detained me again till near midnight. the almost 4th day 9th attended to my various duties – in writg. up this Acct. of the Hotel whf Coy. – pay. the divd and at my private accounts – walked after dinner to Bedford St. and had some conv. with W. Hurd about the R.R. Station on this side of the river

5th day 10th Spent most of the forenoon in home occupations including – refitg. my Cyl. Hse lamp burners &c – afternoon at the Athenæum – and in the evg. went with ma chere &c to pay our respects to Thos. bride elect – Annie Willy formerly of Phila but now living with her sister Mrs Eben. Perry – She is very favorably spoken of by all of her acquaintances here, and is attractive in person well educated intelligent & of pleasing manners – so that I hope Thos. engagt. for which he were totally unprepared before he left us, may result in their mutual happiness in the Conjugal relation – I wrote a letter & took it to the Post Office after we returned – saw mother in the Chinese Chair in her accustomed Corner of the Parlor before her late illness – look'd very comfortable

6th day 11th Attended to my home duties and Cg House business through the day & till dinner — remained at home after dining to attend to the Cleaning of the furnace flues at the Cg. afterwards & till a little in the evg — after at home — Edm.d left for Boston in the last train —

7th day 12 — Looked over the papers after breakfast and towards noon at the Cg House, called at brothers but saw no one they being engaged preparg. to get mother into her chair — At the G. Hse towards evg — putting the room in order to receive our daughters who returned this evg. from their visit at their Cousin E. Robbs'. they are well and seem to have had a very pleasant time

1st day 13th Attended mtg at 8th St. House A.M. & P.M. otherwise at home through the day — J. Arnold called to say that he and my brothers Wm & Chs would be here this evg — on the Onondaga Salt Co. business prior to his leavg to visit the works — engagt. to make it necessary to avail of this evg to accommodate his early departure

2d day 14th Called at J. Arnolds after breakfast for the agreemt. with Stephen Smith — took it to my bro. Wm. and wrote our views of its import and of the proposition for the Sale of the works. that J. A. might explicitly understand our wishes in his interviews with S. Smith &c at Syracuse — looked over one of the Boston papers after dinner & then went to the Cg House where I was occupied till about 11 O'Clk taking tea at brothers — saw her in her parlor again to day — looks quite in former style except the substitution of the Chinese Chair for that formerly used.

3d day 15th Engaged at home and at the Cg house through the day at home in the evg — having the Company of the Rev. (Mr.) Homer & his wife at tea &c —

4th day 16 Occupied at home till the forenoon was well advanced partly in the Cause of Mrs. Homer — afterwards at the Cg. House — till evg — a rainy day &c — evg at home

5th day 17th After the usual morning duties I was 27C.
at the C.J. House &c — Spent some time without success in
endeavoring to find the petition to the Pars. Elect to con-
tinue our friend Wm. D. Russell in the Collectors office
— Came home with my books — and spent the aft. in
posting them — Our children all at a party at Eb-
en. Perry's. I went to Ch's quite late for this Signa-
ture — but long before the young folkes had returned
from their partiies, not the most commendable in
the eye of reason & Reflection —
6th day 18th Attended to home & C.J. House duties &
bro't my books to the House and wrote in the Lebyer
here & rather did some other writing w.ch diverted
my attention from this business — the children at
C. Randalls to call on Aldona Johnson — Mother
H. was at Aunt Nancy's, who is greatly afflicted by
the hopeless illness of her friend and Companion
Abby Copeland — she was also at mother's who is
comfortable —
7th day 19th Occupied with home & C.J. House duties
through the day — ma chere H was again at Aunt
Nancy Potter's and witnessed the closing Scene of
Aunt's friend — Her loss will be felt to be, as it
probably will be, irreperable — I was at mothers
but not when she was in the parlor — my engage-
ments hindering me at that time — went to A. Pot-
ter's & to the C.J. Room to forward some letters by
him to Boston &c — our daughters visited at our Cousin
Lydia Russells this aft. — I took my books home
& wrote in them in the parlor after tea — Sister Phoeb
in her room with her cold which is distressing still
1st day 20th At M.G. as usual at S.P.S. St. House
Called with ma chere H at the Closes of the
Pub. Mg. at Aunt Nancy Potter's, also at Lydia
Russells & at mothers — read in the Bible and

Rob[t] Hall's Memoirs

2[d] day 21[st] At the C[y] House & in attend[ce] to my daily duties — Called at mothers — and took my Acc[t] books to write here in the ev[g] — Our children all out — and Sister Phebe confined to her room —

3[d] day 22[d] Occupied as usual — at the C[y] House &c — assisted to get mother into her chair at noon — at home in the ev[g] — we having the Company of Anna-Miles his Sister Josephine Perry and her friend Miss Coburn, with our other daughter in law elect Lizzie Hussey his Sister Abby & bro[r] Jn[o] & George — Attended at the Methodic church the funeral solemnities consequent on the death of Aunt Nancy's friend. Sister E. took Aunt N. to the church in mothers Carriage — The interment being in Fairhaven she did not follow the remains to their last resting place

4[th] day 23[d] — Engaged by my ordinary duties — at home after tea hours & at the C[y] House — a S.E.[ly] Rain Storm with a hard gale — The high chimney of the Blue Works was blown over, & the upper part of it

5[th] day 24[th] Occupied as usual by my home & C[y] House duties at home to late Supper did some writing and called at Geo Hess's up and went to the post Office afterward — The children Frank excepted were at a private concert at Eliot's — and our daughter in law elect Anna Miles Spent the ev[g] here — Called at mothers as usual

6[th] day My time Spent as usual in my daily Cares and duties called on E. M. Robinson in relation to the am[t] of Mr. Kay's bond &c by his copied a letter from J. Arnold written to S. Smith at Syracuse to shew my brothers — bro[r] Wm was here in the ev[g] on the Subject of it

7th day 26th Occupied with my home & G.S. House duties except attend[g] the funeral rites on the death of Judge Colby at his House - which were largely attended - At home & at this late for letters from the P. Office - Ma chere H. called with Anna Miles to see Mother - Julia Wight and others were there. so that the opportg. of acquaintance on this first introduction was not so favorable as it w[d] have been without other company -

1st day 27th Attended meetings as usual and called at Mothers and at aunt Nancy's - Reading - of religious character

2d. day 28th made preparation for setting off for Shirley - Called to take leave of mother and left in the $10\frac{20}{60}$ h. train. had a conversation with Gov. Colby in the Cars - got to Boston about 1 - Called at A Patterson's Hoi and at the room of Benj[n] Worcester and gave directions for a draw[g] for a Cloth Stamp for the Shirley Mill - left at 4 & was at Shirley by about ½ past 6 - took lodgings at E. Fales - and went to the Fact[y] Office after Supper

3d. day 3[m] 1 - Occupied at the Co[y] Room till between 4 & 5 O'Clk when I went with A.G. Snell, taking Leonard Faber with us to the Office of the Mutu Society by appointment to adjust the rent, and our claim if possible for losses sustained by the breach of the conditions of the Lease - back & Water Power &c - Had a long interview with Elder Grover. Thos Holden & Jonas Spalding Leander Parsons & one or two others being present part of the time - the others taking no part in the discussion - they gave us Supper and we remained till about 11 Oclk. when we parted, having adjusted all matters excepting our claim for losses which they would not accede but chose to let us seek our remedy at law - The whole interview was conducted with good temper on both sides

4th. day. Occupied with the accounts of the Company

5th. 6th. & 7th. day Spent in the same manner - Wm. A Lang of Boston was here on 5th or 6th day, went with him through the Mill and exhibited the Cloth in imitation of the 'Utica' Sheeting - of which they leave the Selling in Boston - He thought favorably of the Mill and its products - and we like much to have agency for Sales in Bost[n]

1st day walked to the Central Village to attend Mr Chandler's (unitarian

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Church — and heard a very good Sermon — at its close I took a circuitous route back to the New Village and as the hour of the afternoon Service had arr.d I went to the Congregational Mg. where I had before heard Mr. Adams, but another officiated though he was present — I learned afterward that he had been superseded — though the Change appeared to me not for the better — At the close of this meeting, I walked Northward on the R. Road — hoping to make the Points of Compass appear right to me on my return to my lodgings — continued my walk to the Reservoir dam — wh.h I had not before seen returned home — by the road South of the Stream but on getting there the illusion returned — remained at home the remainder of the day & Eve.g — the latter chiefly Spent in writing to my Son Thomas — read a portion of the book of Job — and retired early

2d. 3. 4. 5. Days Spent at the Office every Eve.g excepting the intervals for meals & Sleep

6th. day 11 — New Bedford Rose early and went to the Fact.y Office and wrote some hours before breakfast — then returned and was earnestly employed on the acc.ts — to bring them to this stage to admit of my leaving for home by the mid-day train for Boston — in which I succeeded and took my place in the Cars a little before 1 Oclk — at Boston at 4 1/2 and after calling at Benj.n Worcester's room after an indirect route taking a lunch on the way. repaired to the R.R. Station and took a seat for home at 4 Pclk. and arr.d in the usual time, about 6 hrs. found my Son Edw.d in the Cars who reported favorably of the health of the fam.y — who he left this morng. and I soon had the pleasure of a personal confirmation thereof. Fan and Ellen had been several days at Frank Grinnells farm and returned this eve.g — after a pleasant visit — the Delicious being of the party — I called in the eve.g to see mother but found her asleep — called afterward at Watsons — with reference to the R.R. Ferry Station but he was out —

7th. day 12th Occupied some time at home this morn.g — Called at mothers — Geo Hussey's Office and D.R. Perry's on Shipley business — At the Ev.g Room Pclk & after tea, at wh.h Rooms we had Eliz. Hussey & Fr. Grinnell